

a new dynamical microscopic model for quarkonia production in Relativistic HIC

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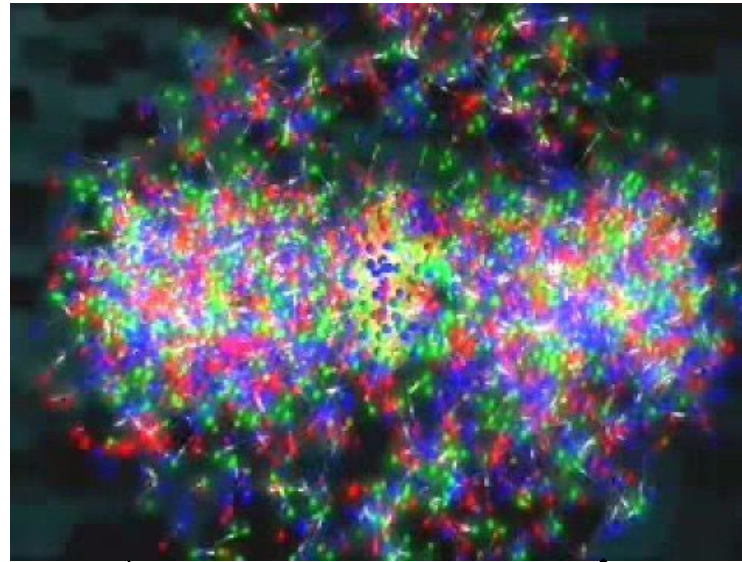
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Investigating the QGP, How ?



Method #1 : “soft probes”

Although memory lost locally, the final stage results from the convolution of 1) initial stage & 2) **(fluid) dynamical evolution of QGP**, sensitive to various key aspects : EOS & transport coefficients (viscosity η ,...) => allows to constrain QGP properties

Method #2 : “penetrating probes”

Identify some particle / object / mode that does not (completely) loses its memory through QGP evolution.

Quarkonia suppression as HP

Expected medium effects : the « Quarkonia suppression »

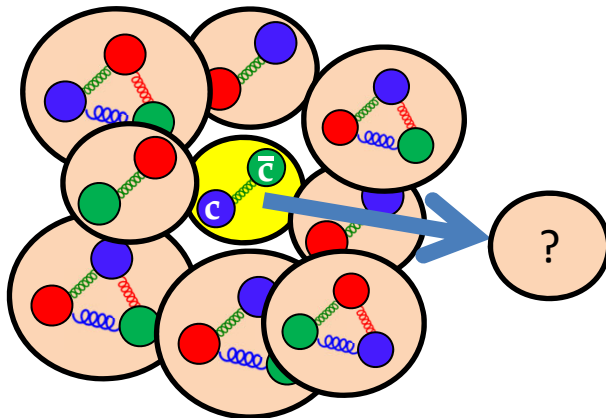
Smaller amount of quarkonia produced in heavy ion collisions per binary nucleon collision as compared to pp collisions.

Quantified with the
nuclear modification factor:

$$R_{AA}(p_T, \eta) = \frac{dN^{AA} / d^2p_T d\eta}{\langle N_{\text{coll}} \rangle dN^{\text{pp}} / d^2p_T d\eta}$$

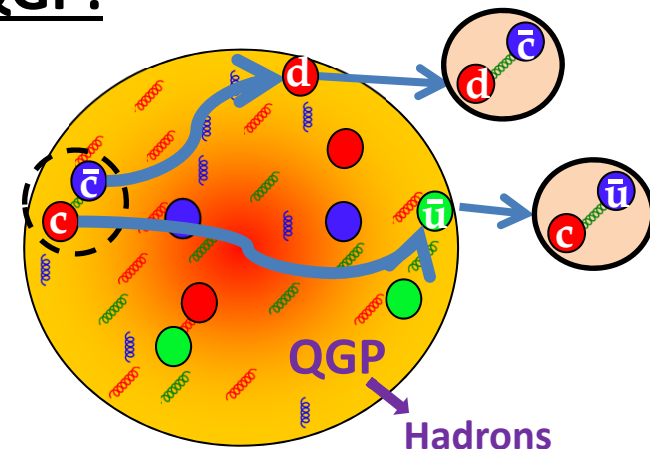
Different contributions

In hadronic phases:



« Normal » suppression (~ small)
From Cold Nuclear Matter effects
NA 38 , 1988 on

In QGP:

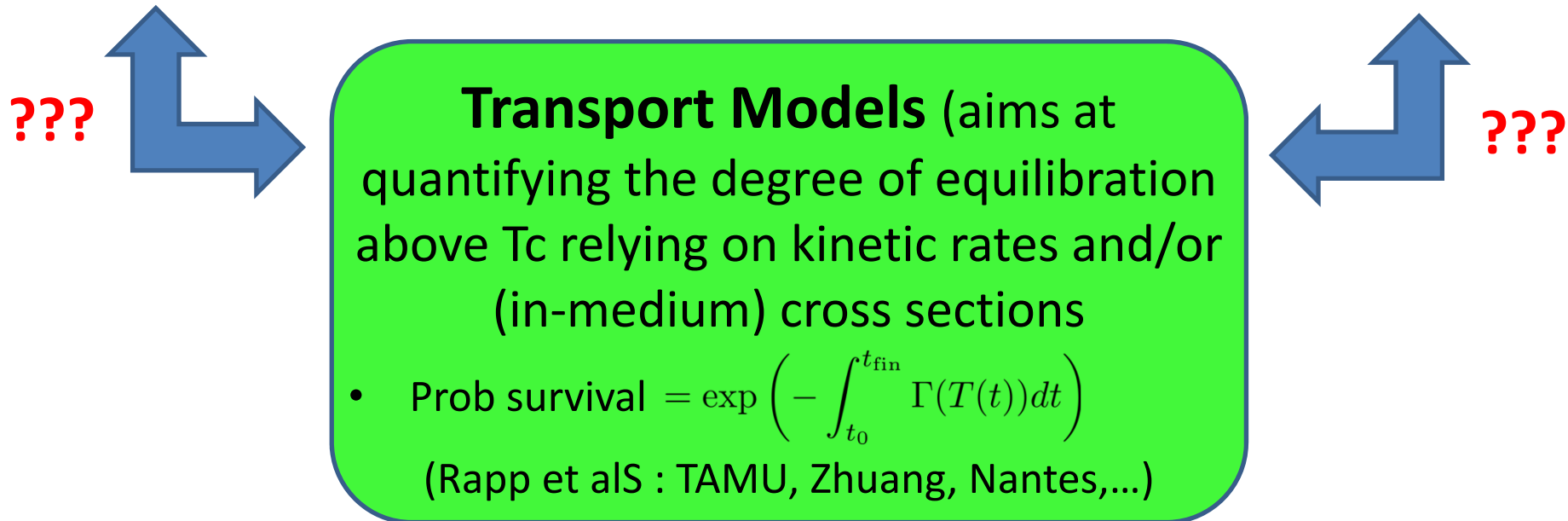


« Abnormal » suppression
from color screening ...

Schematic summary of approaches

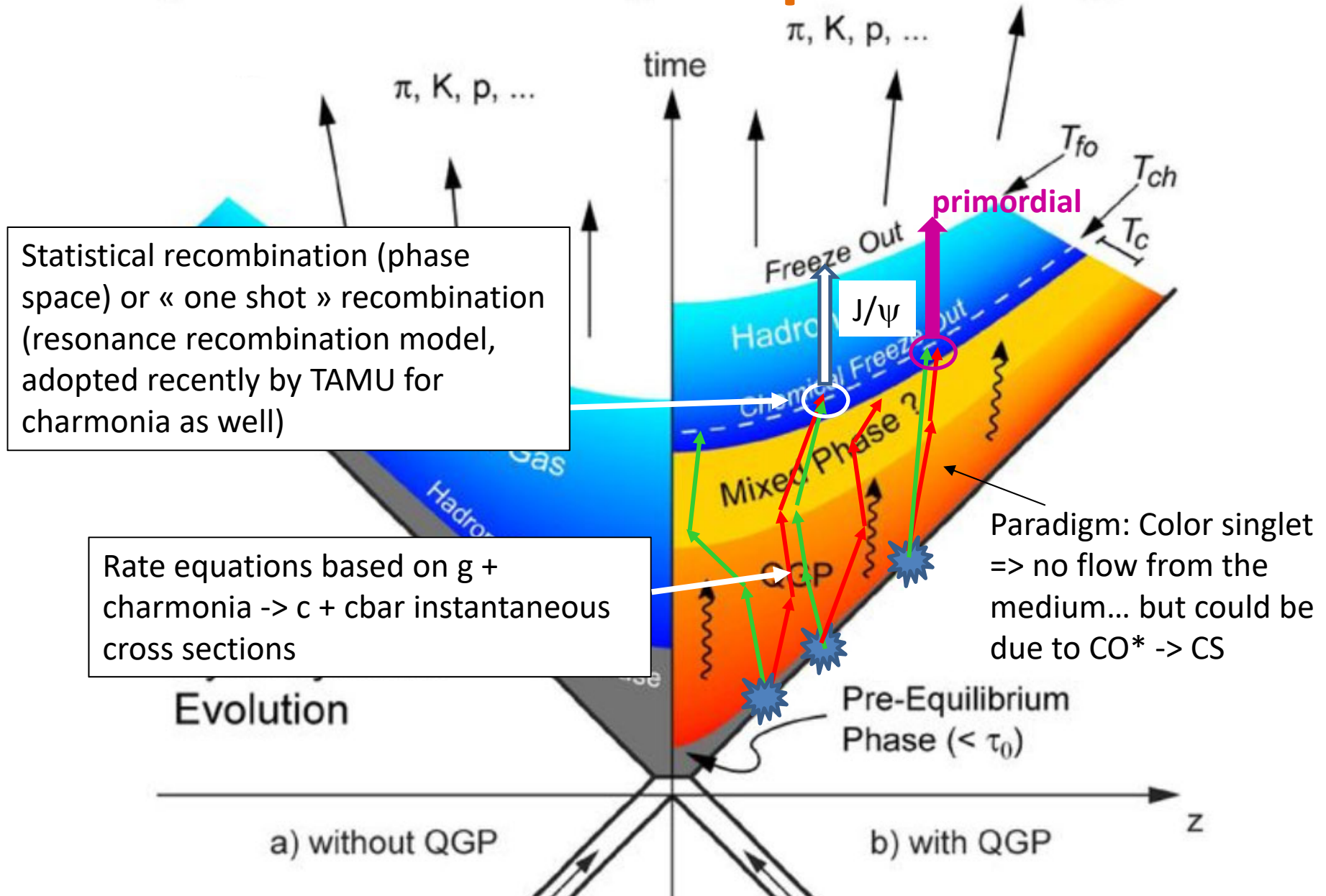
Initial quasi stationary
Sequential Suppression
 assumption
 (Matsui & Satz 86)

Final quasi “instantaneous”
Statistical Hadronisation
 assumption
 (Andronic, Braun-Munzinger & Stachel)



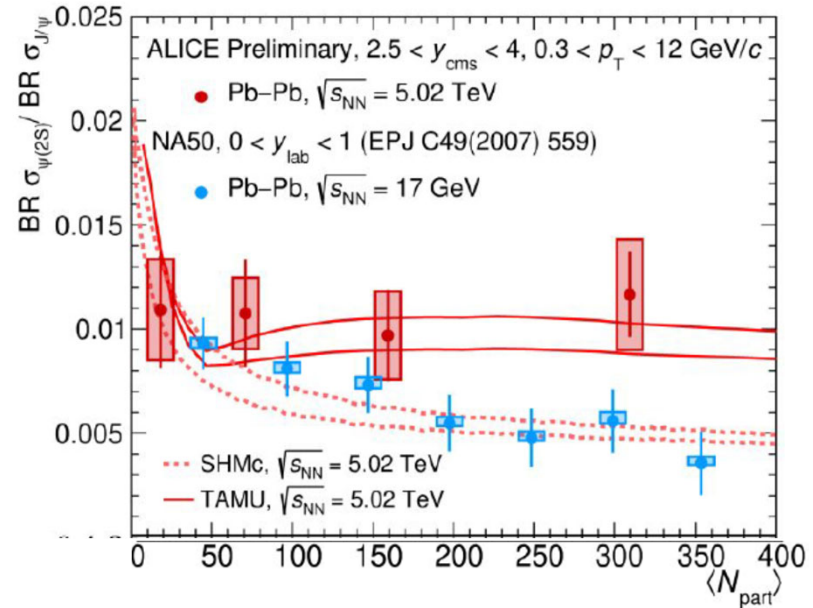
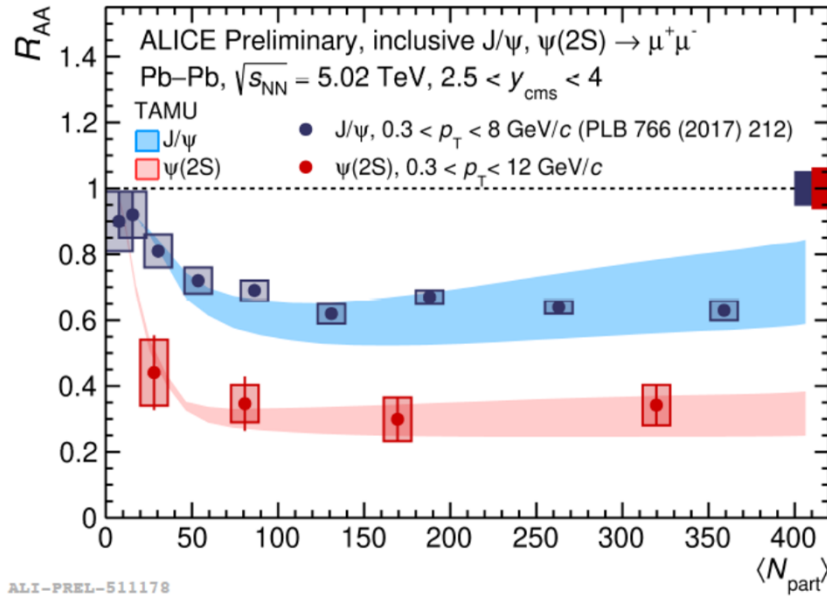
Nowadays, all state-of-the art dynamical models include both suppression and recombinaison, although not always consistently

Charmonia in transport models



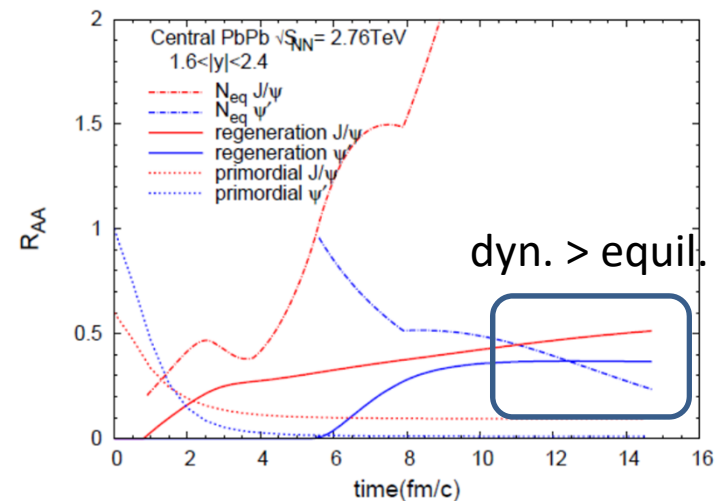
TAMU et al: some illustrative results

Recent precise measurement of $\psi(2S)$ by ALICE

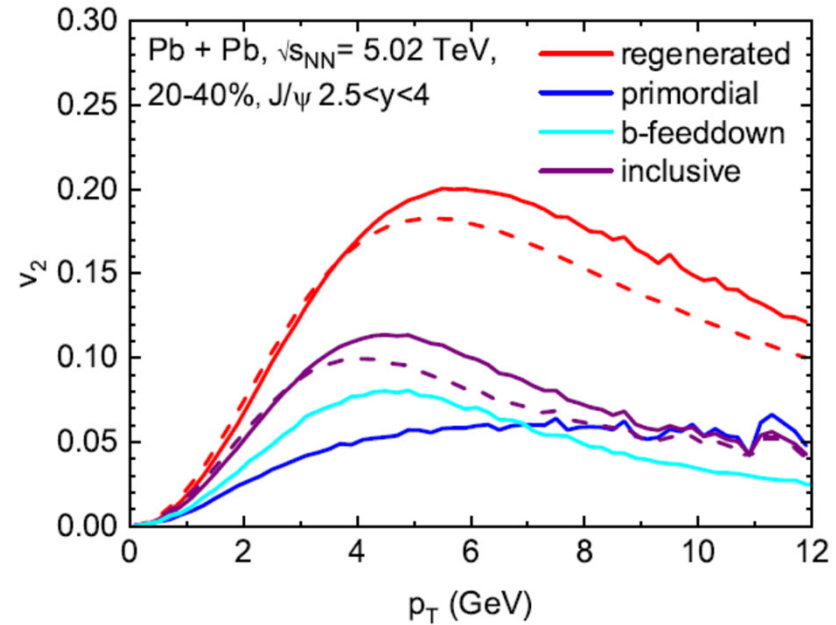
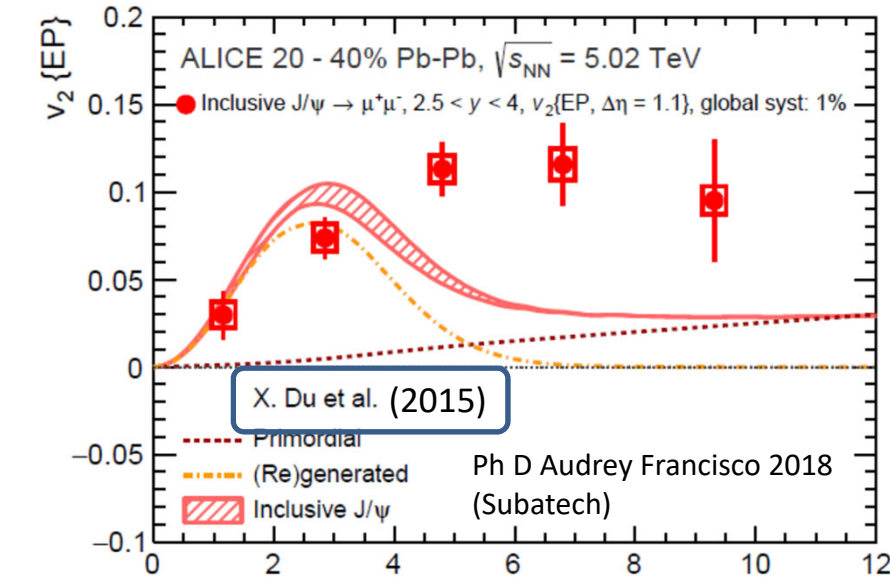


- Found in good agreement with TAMU (Du and Rapp 2015) : late formation due to hadronic channels
- In tension with SHM ; Stachel QM 2022:

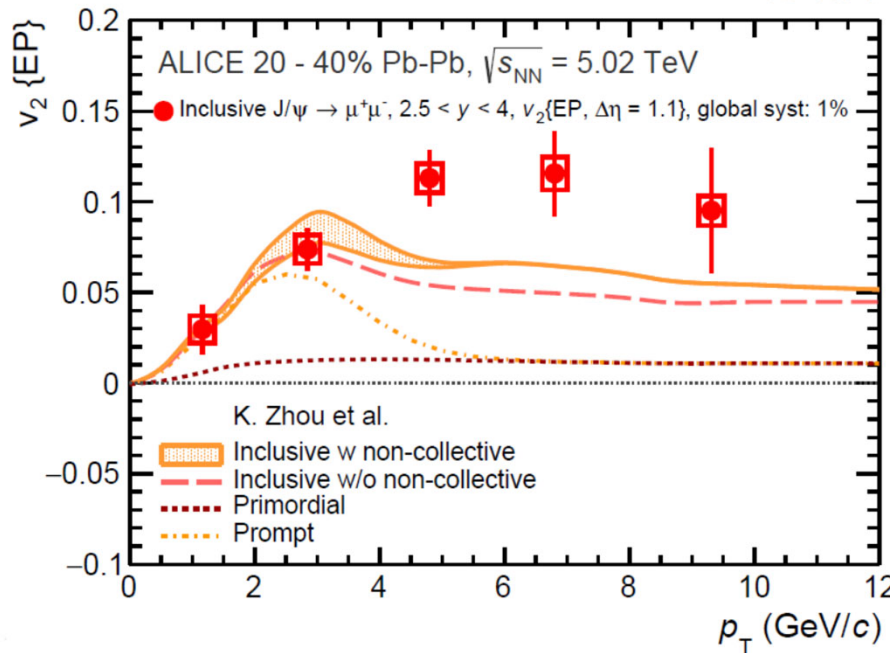
within stat. hadronization approach, an unexpected result
 → little room to accommodate in a likely physical scenario
 larger common freeze-out temperature ☹
 larger freeze-out temperature for $\psi(2S)$ vs J/ψ ☹



V₂ comparison from the models



He et al, Phys.Rev.Lett.128, 162301 (2022))



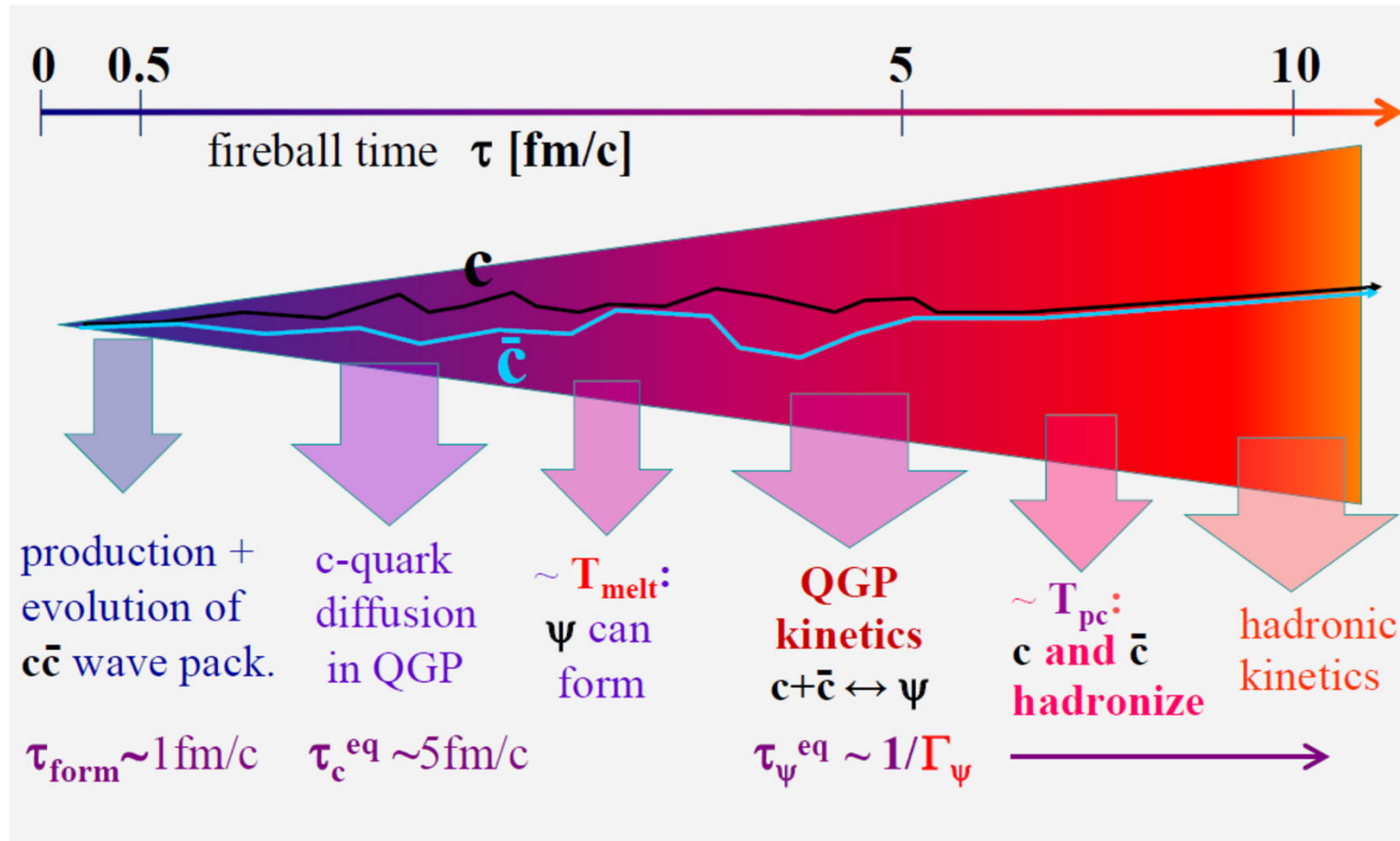
What has changed ? Need to enter the « fine details of each approach »

What should we conclude ?

Diversity of results !

Charmonia in transport models

Rapp and Du *Nucl.Phys.A* 967 (2017) 216-224



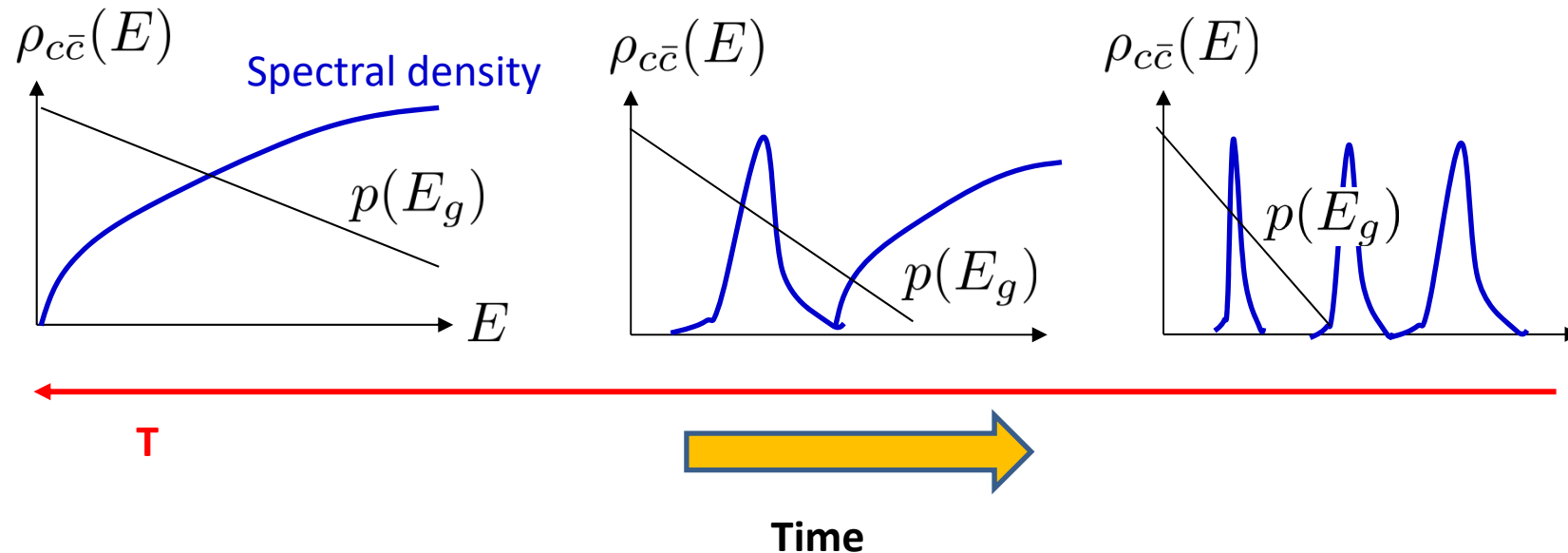
Charmonia does not exist



Charmonia do exist and dissociate/recombine following semi-classical laws

Charmonia in a microscopic theory

Several regimes / effects



Multiple scattering on quasi free states

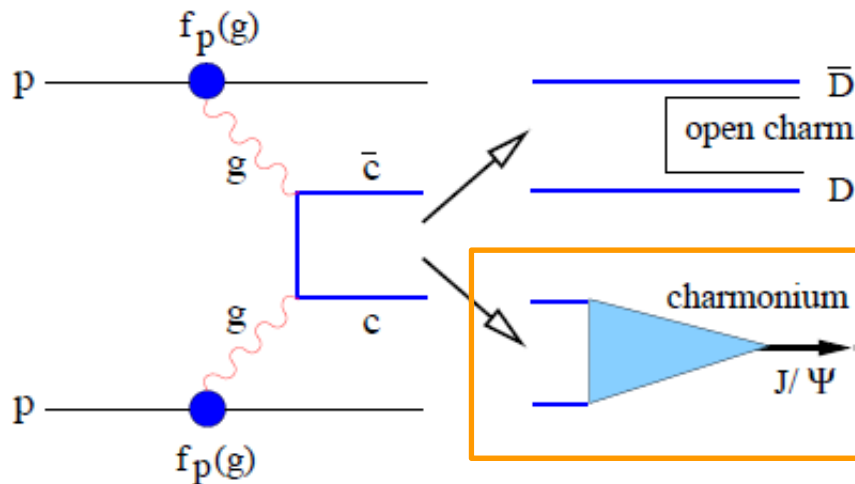
Gluo-dissociation of well identified levels by scarce “high-energy” gluons (dilute medium => cross section ok)

Well identified formalisms (Quantum Master Equation, Boltzmann transport, Stochastic equations,...) in well identified regimes, but continuous evolution and no unique framework continuously applicable (to my knowledge)

Yet, still a need to define the equivalent of a formation – dissociation rate

Quantum coherence

Picture behind transport theory :



Open heavy flavor and quarkonia assumed to be uncorrelated

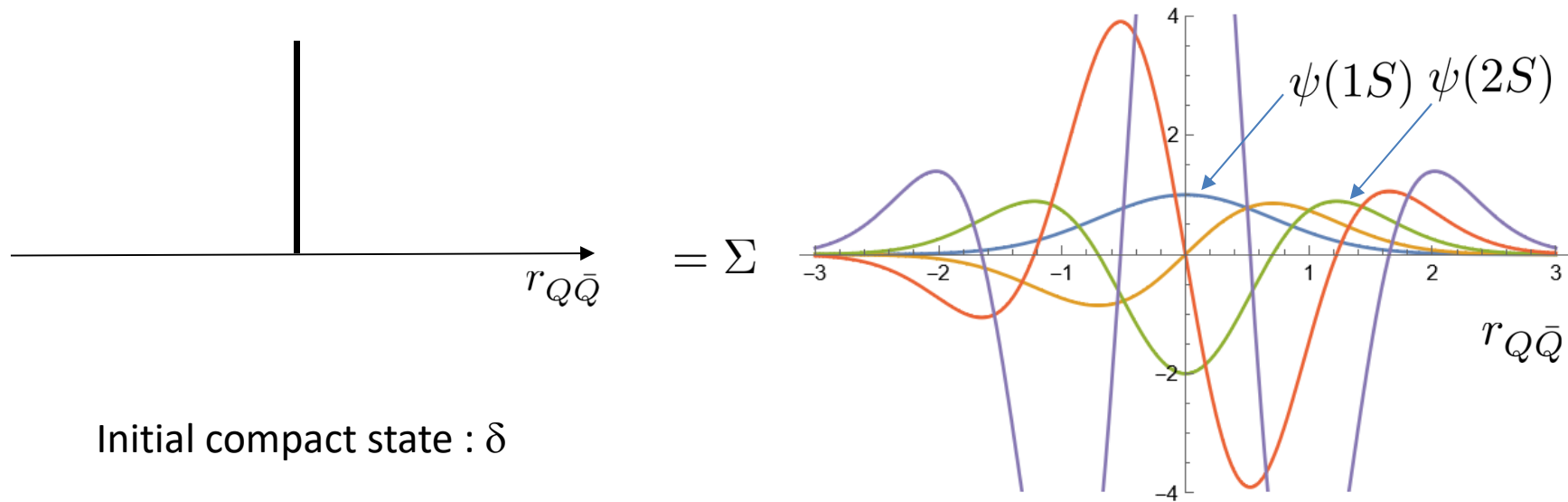
Formed after some “formation time” τ_f (typically the Heisenberg time), usually assumed to be independent of the surrounding medium

Common belief in the transport community:

Quarkonia initially « formed » in QGP and survive with an *individual* survival probability

$$S(t) = e^{-\int_{\tau_f}^t \Gamma(T(t')) dt'}$$

Quantum coherence at early time

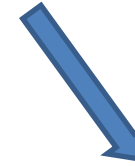


Dissociation rate: $\Gamma(r_{Q\bar{Q}}) \propto \alpha_S T \times \Phi(m_D r_{Q\bar{Q}}) \sim \alpha_S^2 T^3 \times r_{Q\bar{Q}}^2$

Coherence



Neglect of coherence



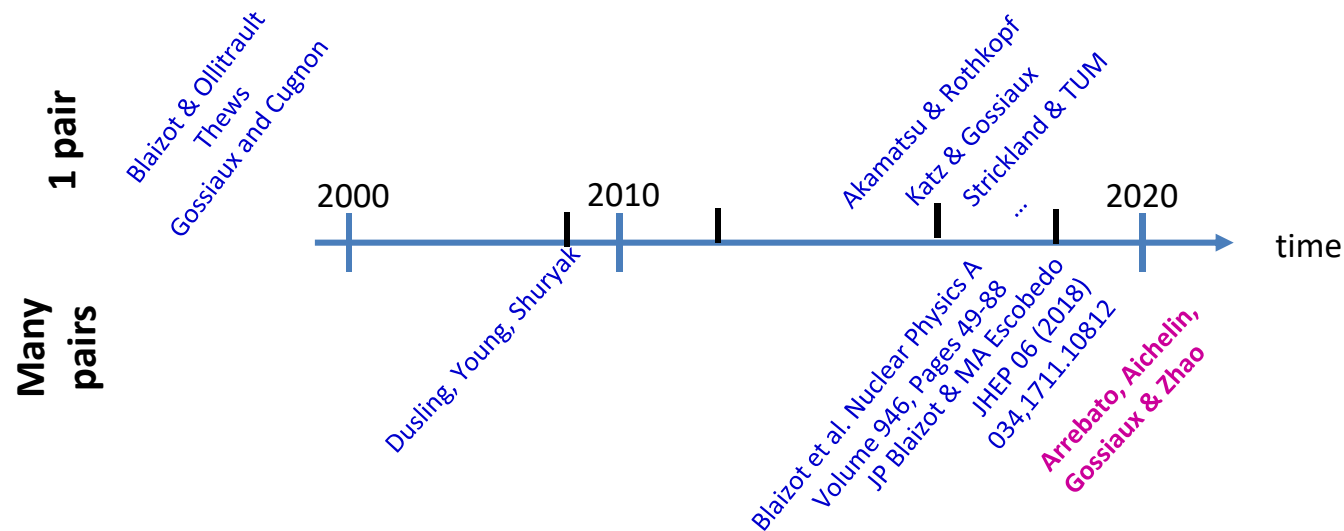
$$\Gamma(r_{Q\bar{Q}}) \approx 0 \propto \sum c_j^* c_i \langle \psi_j | r^2 | \psi_i \rangle \longrightarrow \Gamma \propto \sum_i |c_i|^2 \langle \psi_i | r^2 | \psi_i \rangle \approx \sum_i |c_i|^2 \Gamma_i \neq 0$$

Crucial to include coherence !

N.B. : one can model this effect by phenomenological formation time, but lack of control

Several motivations to go microscopic & quantum

- The in-medium quarkonia are not born as such. One needs to develop an **initial compact state** to fully bloomed quarkonia
- The dissociation-recombination reactions affecting quarkonia are **not instantaneous**... In dense medium, the notion of cross section should be replaced by the more rigorous open-quantum system approach (**continuous transitions**)
- Better suited for « **from small to large** »
- Extra complication: For RHIC and LHC : many c-cbar pairs !



Pioneering work of **Blaizot and Escobedo** for many c-cbar pairs (NRQCD) => mixed Fokker-Planck + gain/loss rates for color transitions; awaits for implementation in realistic conditions 13

Remler's formalism for dynamical coalescence

Generic idea : describe charmonia (Ψ) production using density matrix

$$P^\Psi(t) = \text{Tr} \left[\hat{\rho}_{Q\bar{Q}}^\Psi \hat{\rho}_N(t) \right]$$

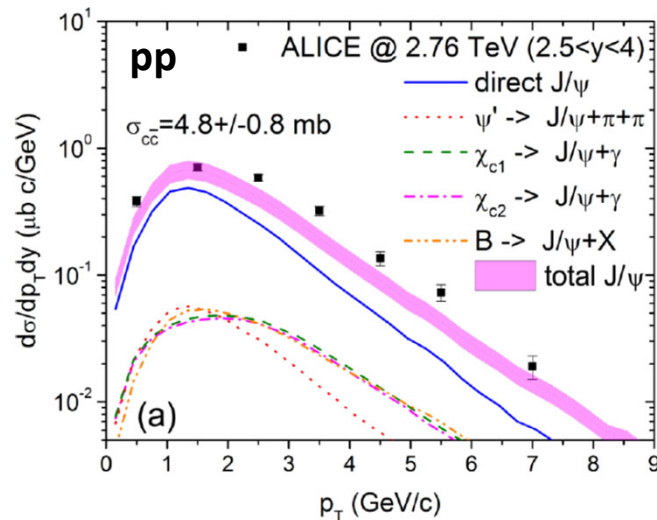
$$\hat{\rho}_{Q\bar{Q}}^{\Psi_i} = \sum_i |\Psi_{Q\bar{Q}}^i\rangle \langle \Psi_{Q\bar{Q}}^i|$$

Single quarkonia density operator

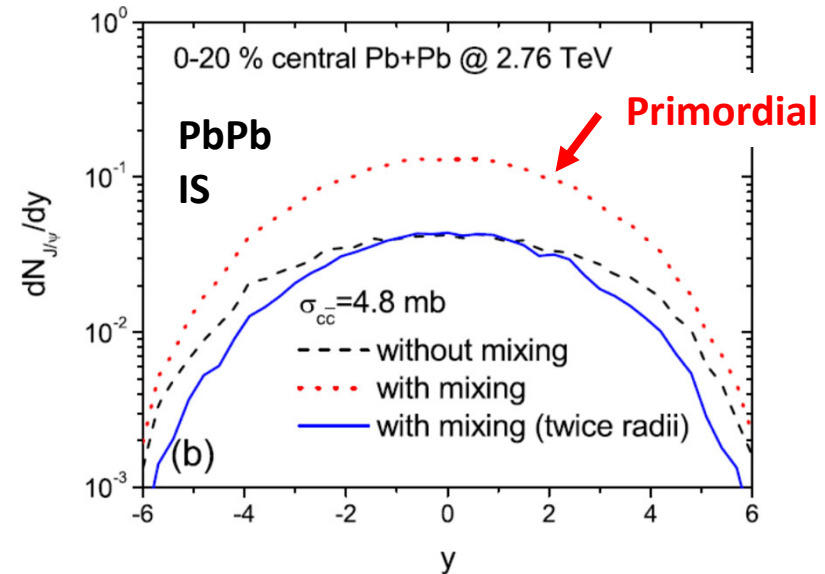
N-body density matrix (bulk partons + many c and many cbar)

“Just” looking at the **initial stage** brings interesting features:

T. Song, J.Aichelin and E.Bratkovskaya, PRC 96. 014907 (2017)



Good reproduction of pp -> J/psi + x !!!



considerable enhancement of primordial J/psi (in the **initial state**): **large off-diagonal contributions**

A bit of background

$$P^\Psi(t) = \text{Tr} \left[\hat{\rho}_{Q\bar{Q}}^\Psi \hat{\rho}_N(t) \right]$$

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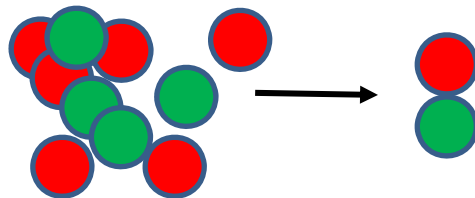
$$\frac{d\hat{\rho}_N(t)}{dt} = -i \left[\hat{H}_N, \hat{\rho}_N(t) \right]$$

Dealing with the dynamics ?

- The idea of the formalism goes back to Remler's work
- General scheme connecting composite-particle cross section and rates with time-dependent density operators
- Applied by Remler et al to the deuteron production in (low energy) AA collisions. The formalism is able to deal with many particles (nucleons \rightarrow deuterium)

E.A. Remler, ANNALS OF PHYSICS 136, 293-316 (1981)

1980



[2020,...

Apply Remler formalism to quarkonia production in heavy ion collisions (Arrebato, Aichelin & Gossiaux, 2206.01308)

Remler formalism at work

Lessons from the past : the direct calculation is not effective for codes based on “cascade approach” (for which members of a genuine fragment are found far apart in the final stage)

➔ Use the identity $P^\Psi(t) = P^{\text{prim}}(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t \Gamma^\Psi(t') dt'$

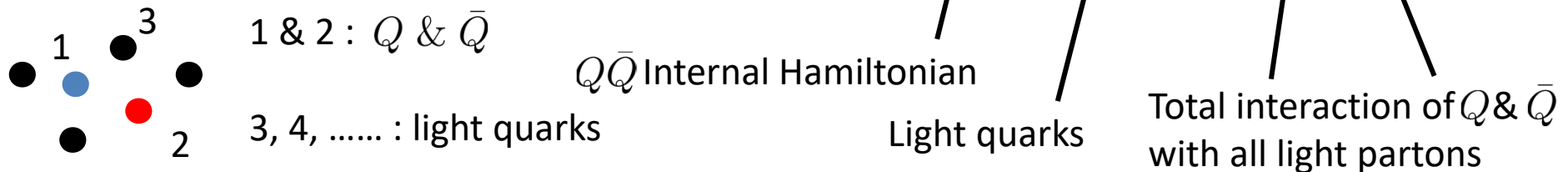
- Γ is The effective rate for quarkonia state creation (dissociation) in the medium :

$$\Gamma^\psi(t) = \frac{dP^\Psi(t)}{dt} = \text{Tr} \left[\hat{\rho}_{Q\bar{Q}}^\Psi \frac{d\hat{\rho}_N(t)}{dt} \right]$$

- $P^{\text{prim}}(t_0)$ is the production at initial time (*primordial*)

Then : Von Neumann equation + Hamiltonian composed of 2-body interactions

$$H_N = \sum_i K_i + \sum_{i>j} V_{ij} \quad \text{➔} \quad H_N = H_{1,2} + H_{N-2} + U_1 + U_2$$



➔ ... ➔ $\Gamma^\Psi(t) = -i \text{Tr} [\hat{\rho}^\Psi [\hat{U}_1 + \hat{U}_2, \hat{\rho}_N(t)]]$

\uparrow \uparrow
 $\sum_{i>2} V_{i1}$ $\sum_{i>2} V_{i2}$

Still quite complicated

Remler formalism at work

Passing to the Wigner representation:

$$W_N(\{r\}, \{p\}) = \int \Pi d^3 y e^{ipy} \langle r - \frac{y}{2} | \hat{\rho}_N | r + \frac{y}{2} \rangle$$

Direct space

$$\partial \rho_N(t) / \partial t = -i \sum_j [K_j, \rho_N(t)] - i \sum_{j>k} [V_{jk}, \rho_N(t)]$$

Wigner space....

$$\partial W_N(t) / \partial t = \langle \sum_i v_i \cdot \partial_r W_N(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}, t) \rangle + \langle \sum_{i \geq j} \sum_n \delta(t - t_{ij}(n)) \times (W_N(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}, t + \epsilon) - W_N(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}, t - \epsilon)) \rangle$$

One to one correspondance

➔ $[\hat{U}_1 + \hat{U}_2, \hat{\rho}_N(t)]$ and $\Gamma^\Psi(t) = -i \text{Tr}[\hat{\rho}^\Psi [\hat{U}_1 + \hat{U}_2, \hat{\rho}_N(t)]]$ can be modeled from *the semi-classical trajectories* evolution in Wigner space

Quarkonia: Double Gaussian approximation

$$W_{Q\bar{Q}}^\Psi(r_{\text{rel}}, p_{\text{rel}}) = C e^{-r_{\text{rel}}^2 \sigma^2} \times e^{-\frac{p_{\text{rel}}^2}{\sigma^2}}$$

Parameter: The Gaussian width $\sigma \approx 0.35$ fm

$$[\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla^2 + V(r)] \Psi_{Q\bar{Q}}(r) = E_{Q\bar{Q}} \Psi_{Q\bar{Q}} \rightarrow \langle r^2 \rangle \rightarrow W^\Psi$$

W_N : Semi-classical approach

$$W_N = \Pi_i \delta(x_i - x_{i0}(t)) \delta(p_i - p_{i0}(t))$$

... but no explicit description of W_N required (as it appears in the trace)

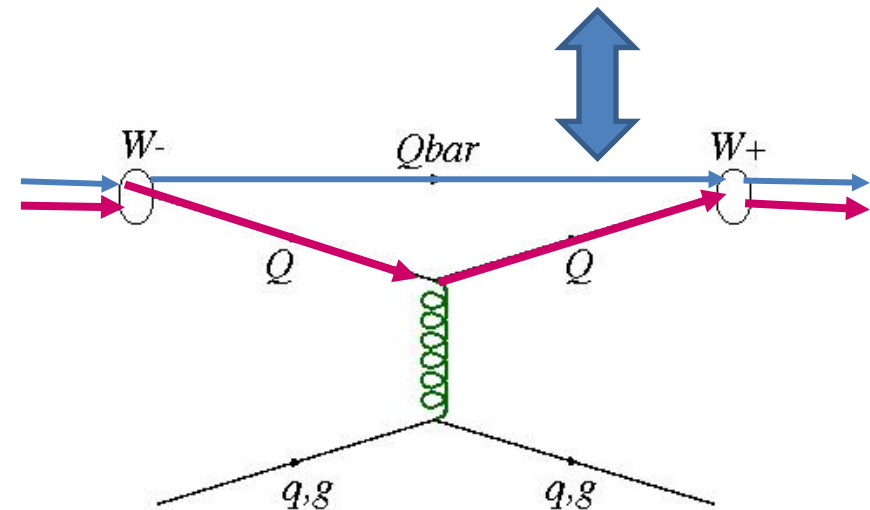
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Combining the expression of the Wigner's functions and substituting in the **effective rate equation** :

$$\Gamma^\Psi(t) = \sum_{i=1,2} \sum_{j \geq 3} \delta(t-t_{ij}) \int \frac{d^3 p_i d^3 x_i}{h^3} W_{Q\bar{Q}}^\Psi(p_1, x_1; p_2, x_2) [W_N(t+\epsilon) - W_N(t-\epsilon)]$$

- The quarkonia production in this model is a three body process; the HQs interact only by collisions with the QGP !!!
- The “details” of H_{int} between HQ and bulk partons are incorporated into the evolution of W_N after each collision / time step (nice feature for the MC simulations)
- $W_N(t+\epsilon)$ and $W_N(t-\epsilon)$ are NOT the equivalent of gain and loss terms in usual rate equations
- Dissociation and recombination treated in the same scheme

$$\text{Then: } P^\Psi(t) = P^\Psi(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t \Gamma(t') dt'$$



Interaction of HQ with the QGP are carried out by EPOS2+MC@HQ (good results for D and B mesons production)

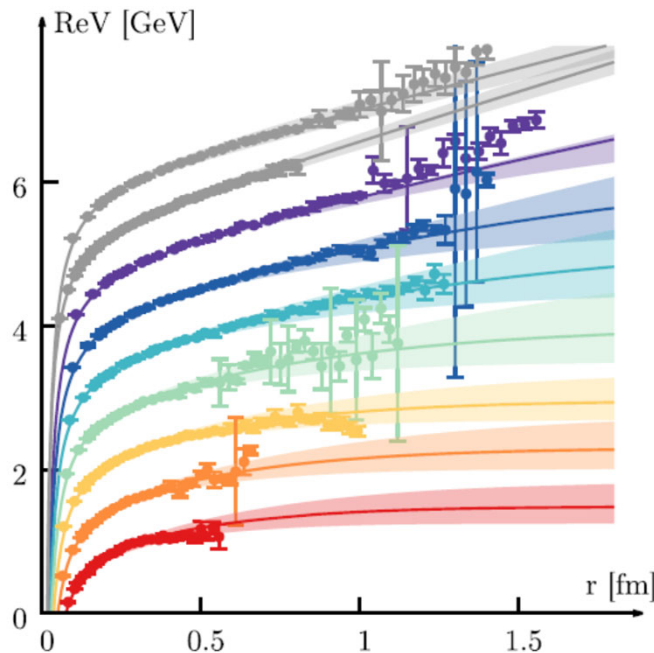
NB: Also possible to generate similar relations for differential rates

Extension of the Remler formalism

- Generalization at finite 4-velocity to relativistic Wigner density (boosted quarkonium states) ... **important to warrant orthogonality of states**

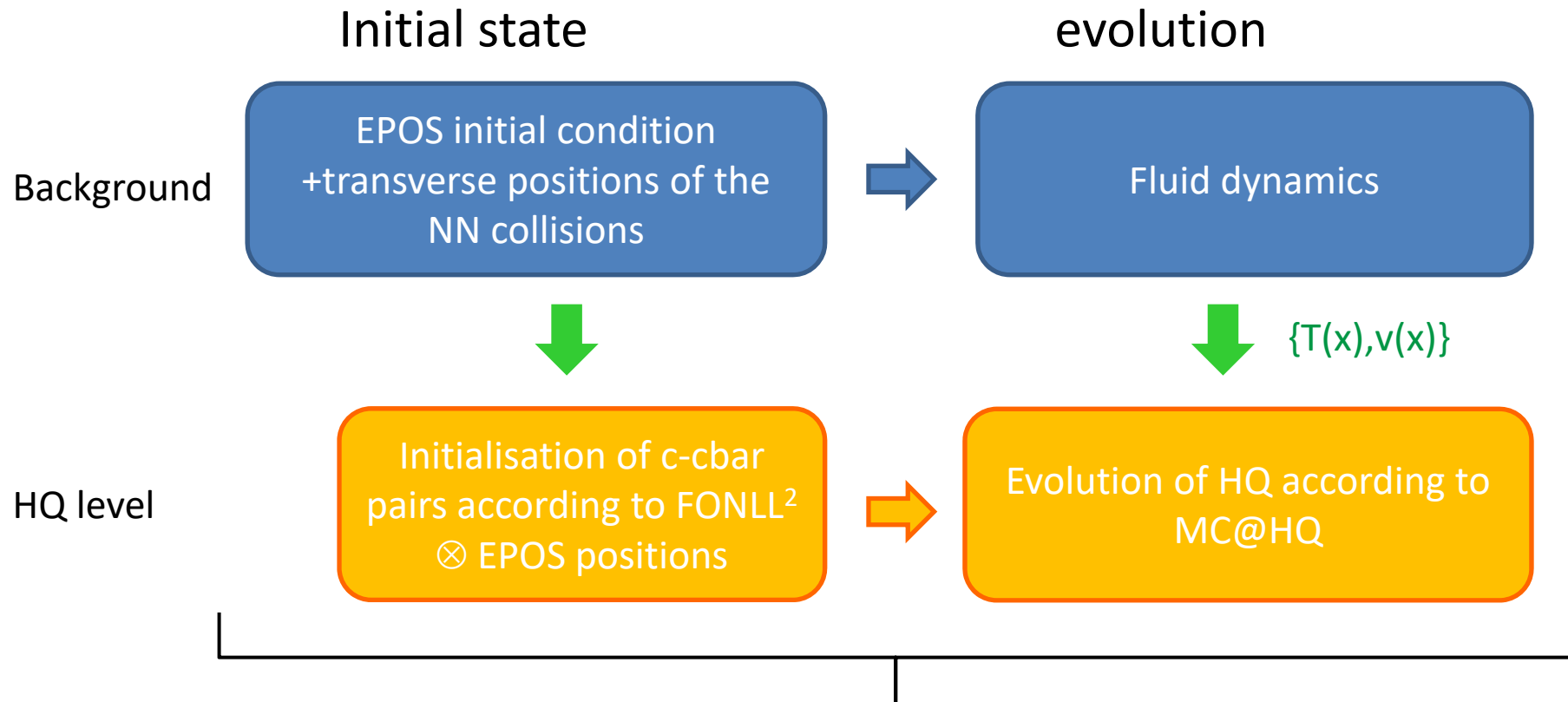
$$\text{Tr}[W_u^{\Phi_i} W_{u'}^{\Phi_j}] = \delta^{(3)}(u - u') \delta_{i,j}$$

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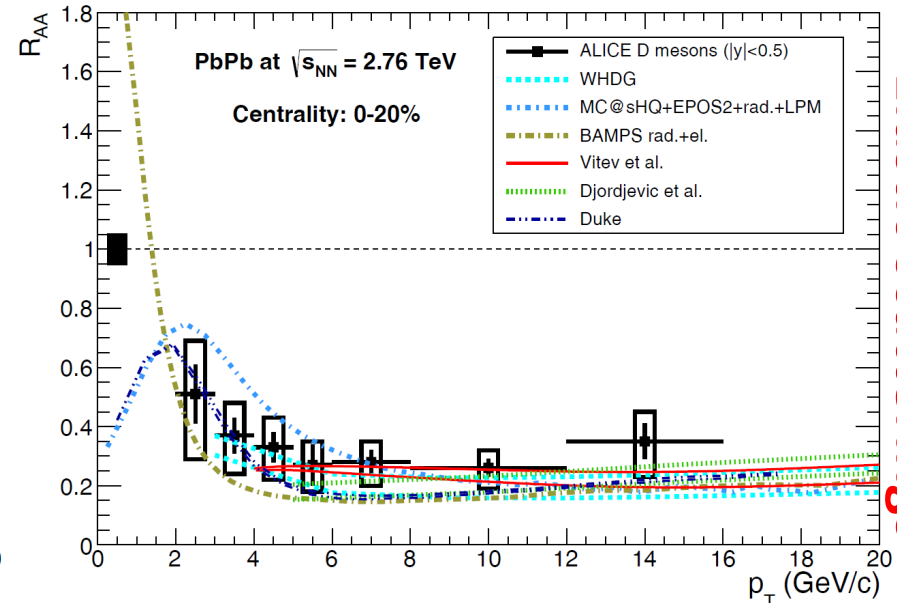
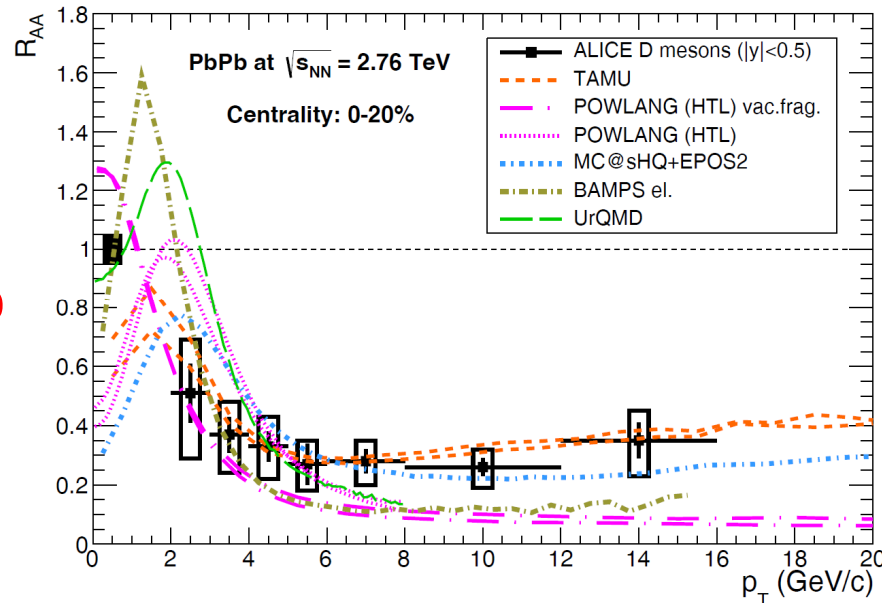
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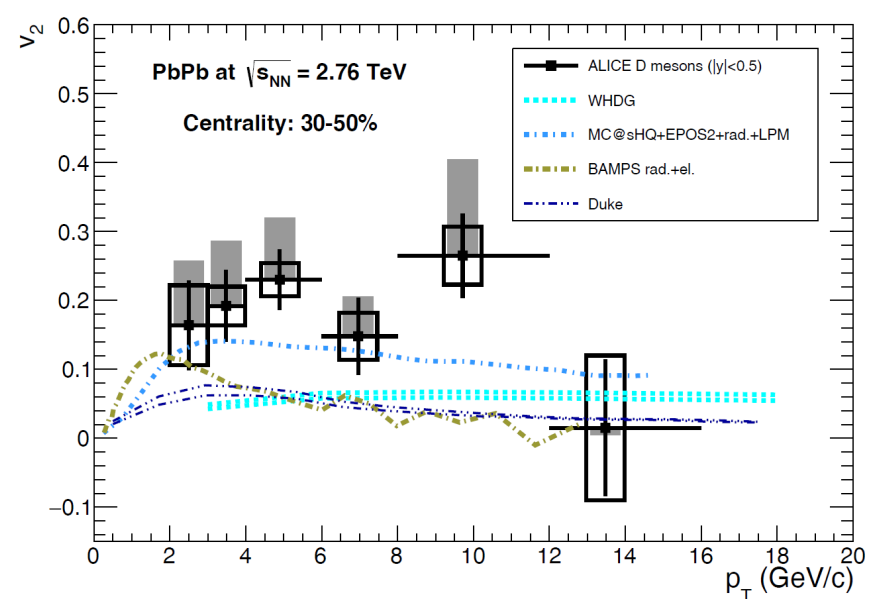
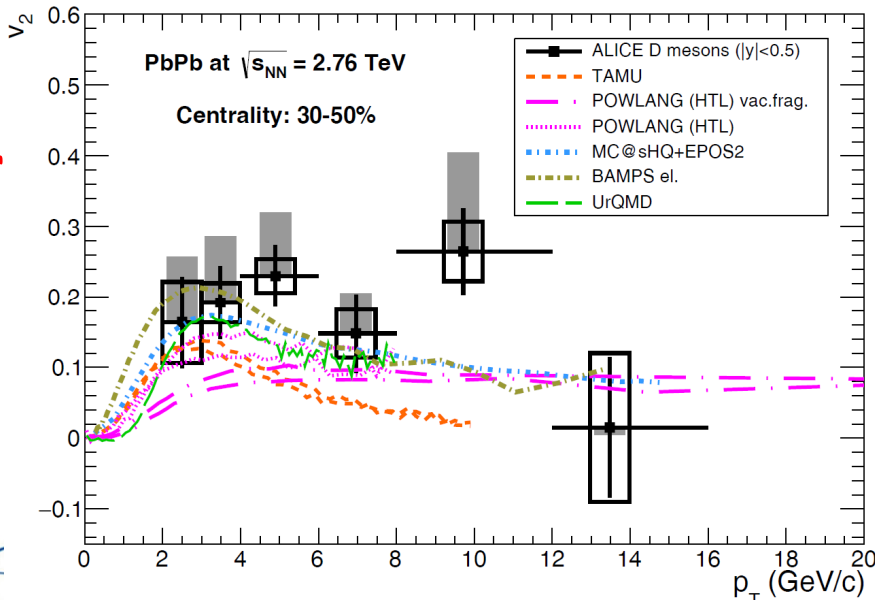
Usual EPOS2 + MC@HQ used with some success to describe open heavy flavor production at LHC (see Eur. Phys. J. C (2016) 76:107)

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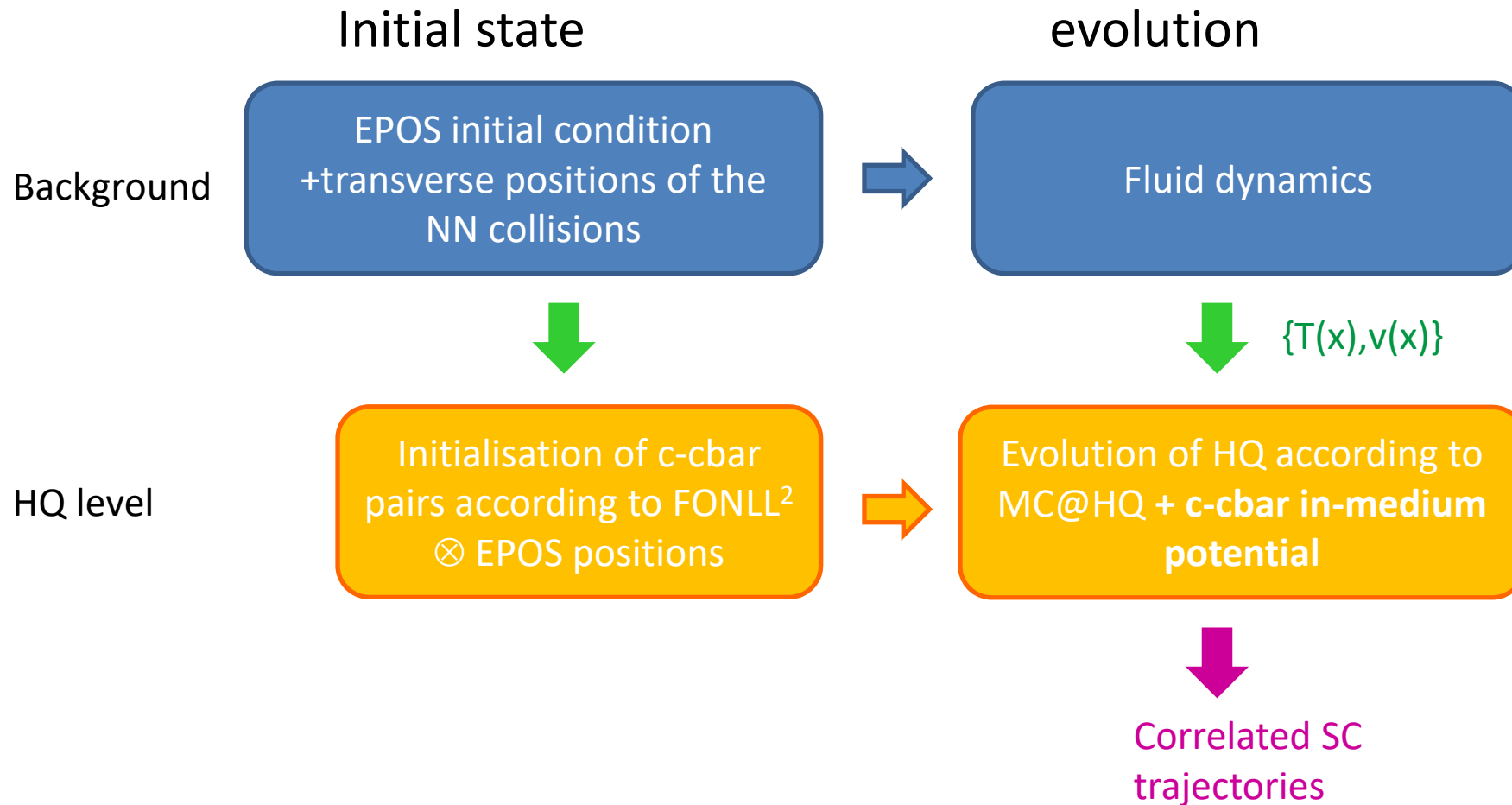
Purely elastic scatterings



Elastic scatterings + radiative energy loss



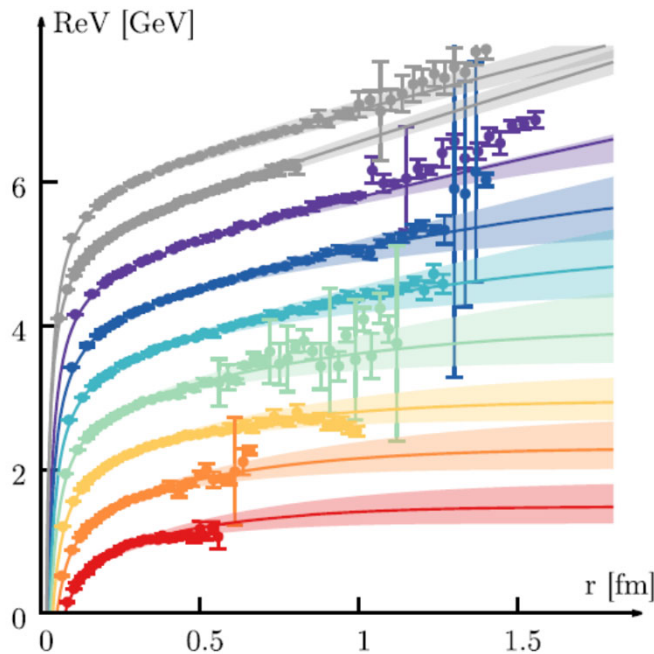
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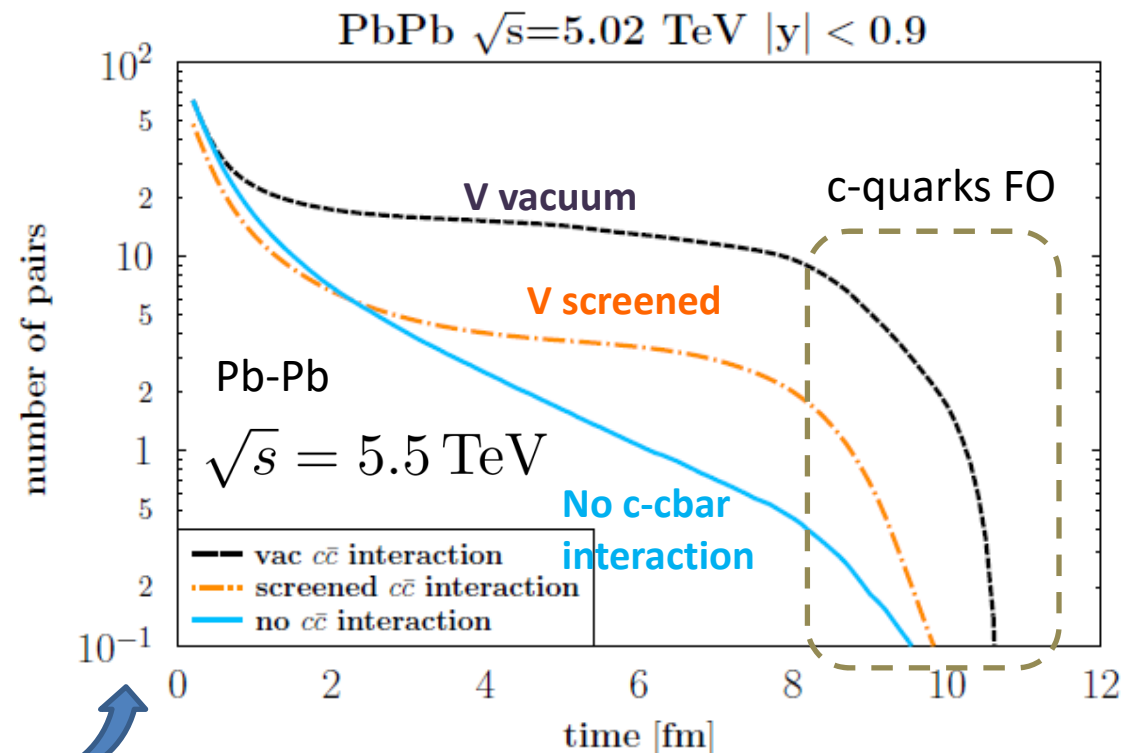
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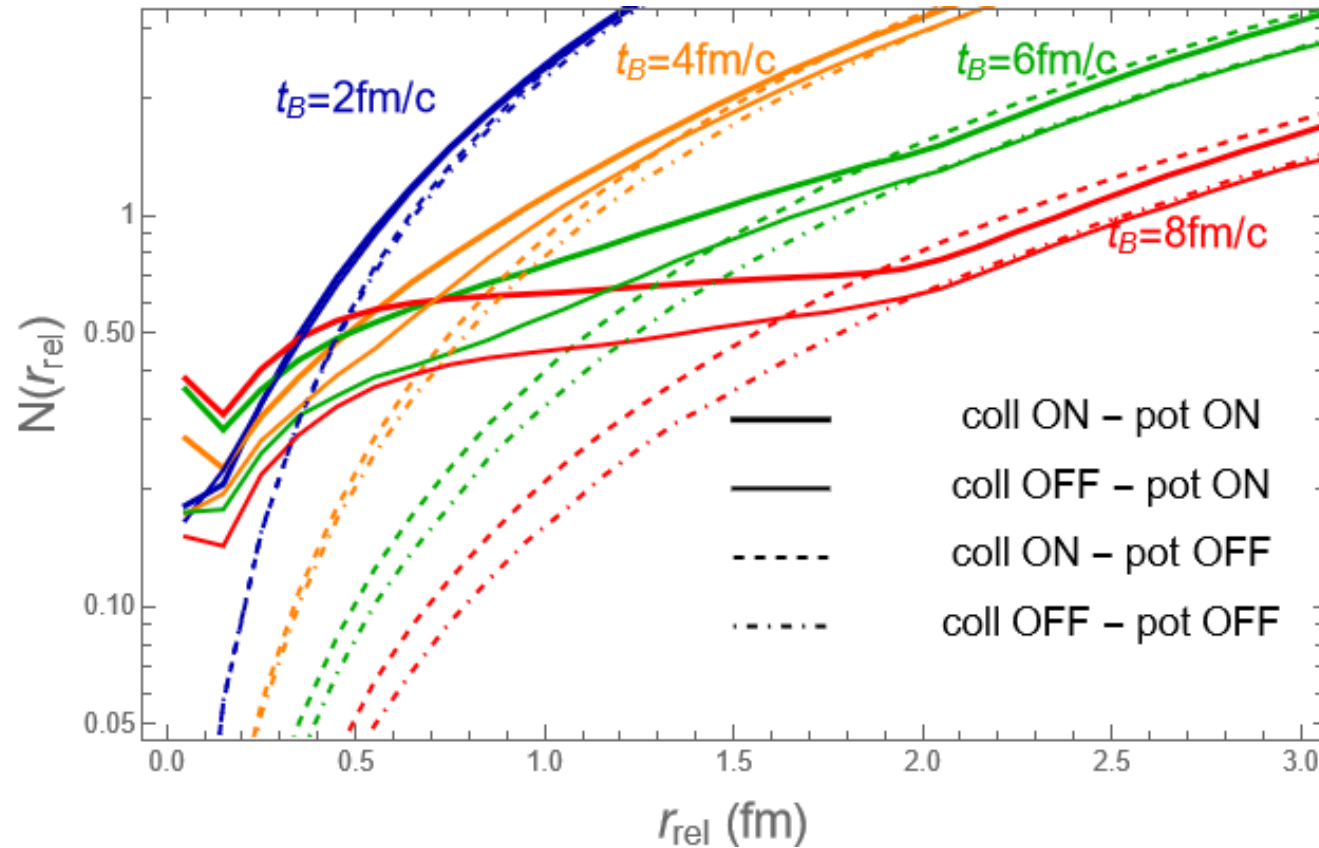
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Instantaneous # of Q-Qbar at (invariant) distance < 1fm

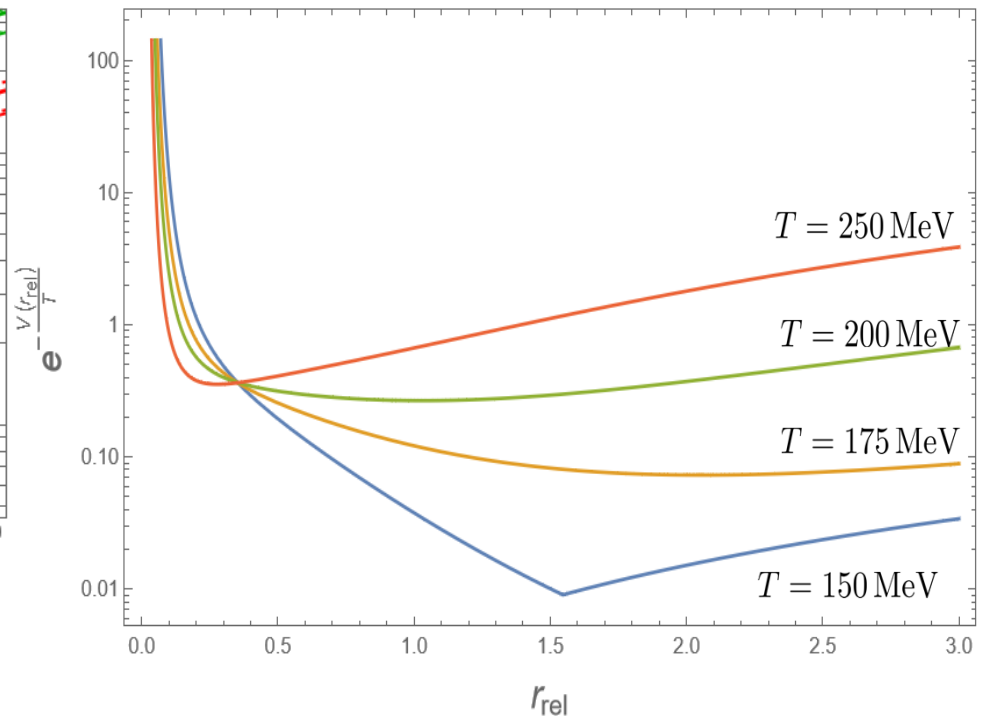
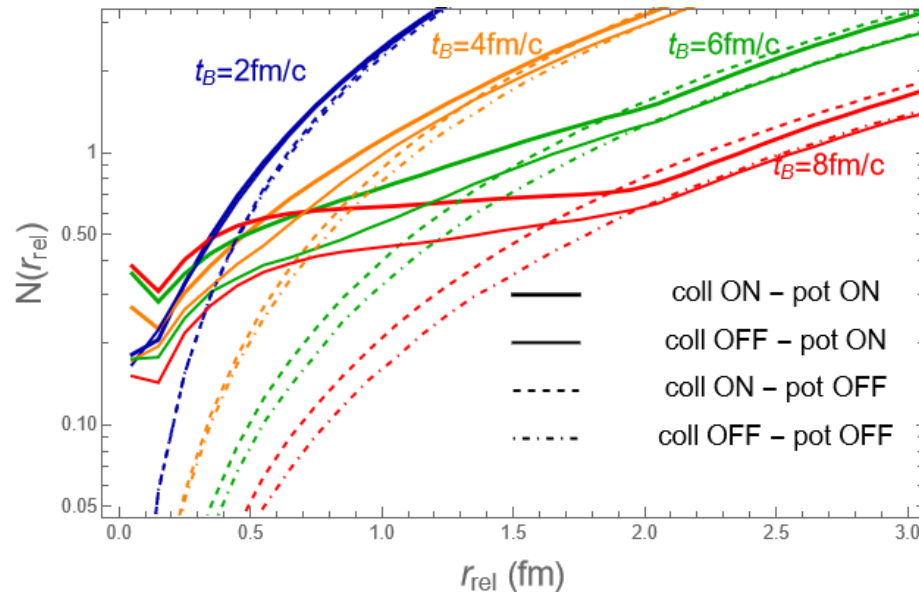


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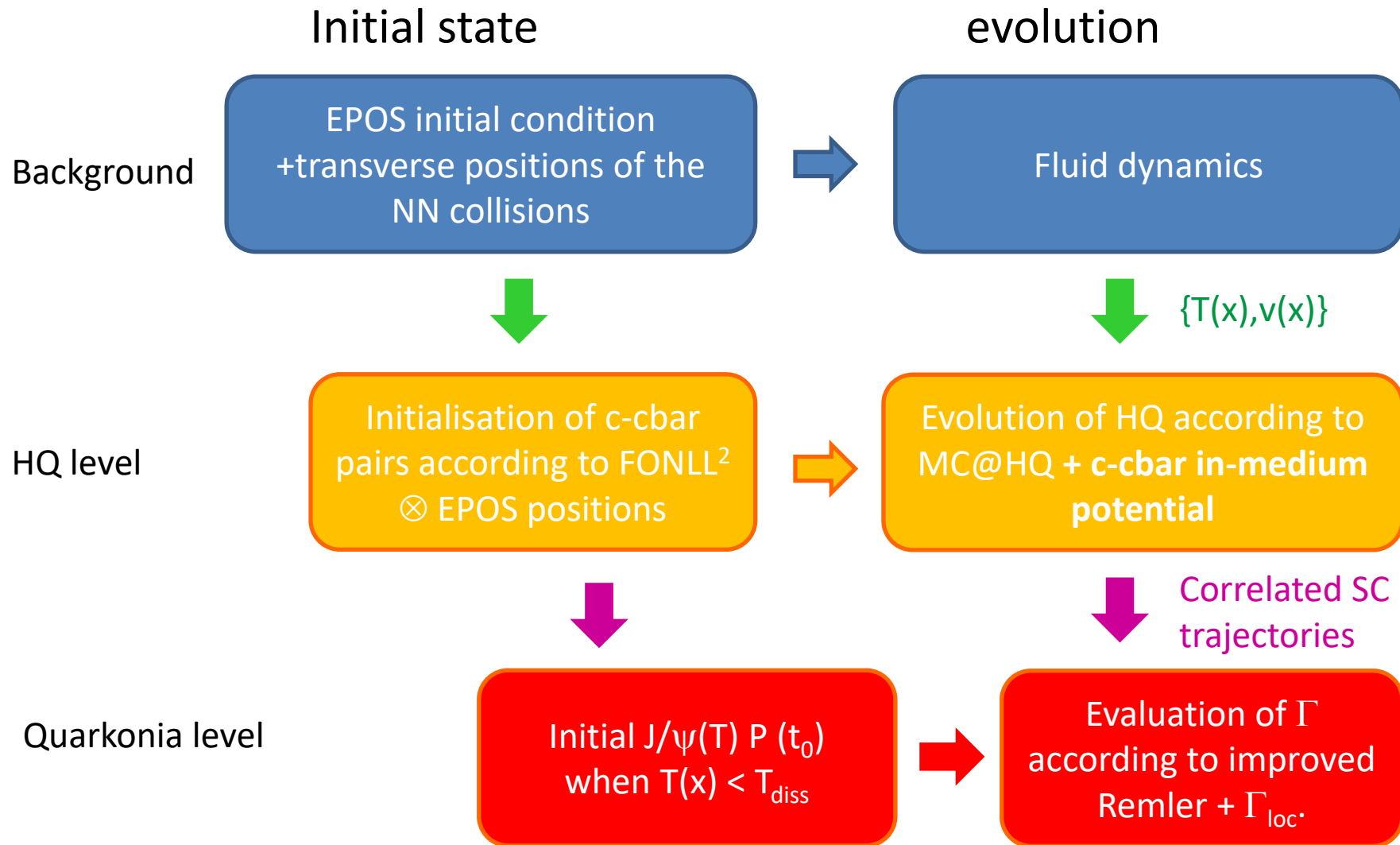
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- ... which does not correspond to the statistical distribution associated to the classical weight.

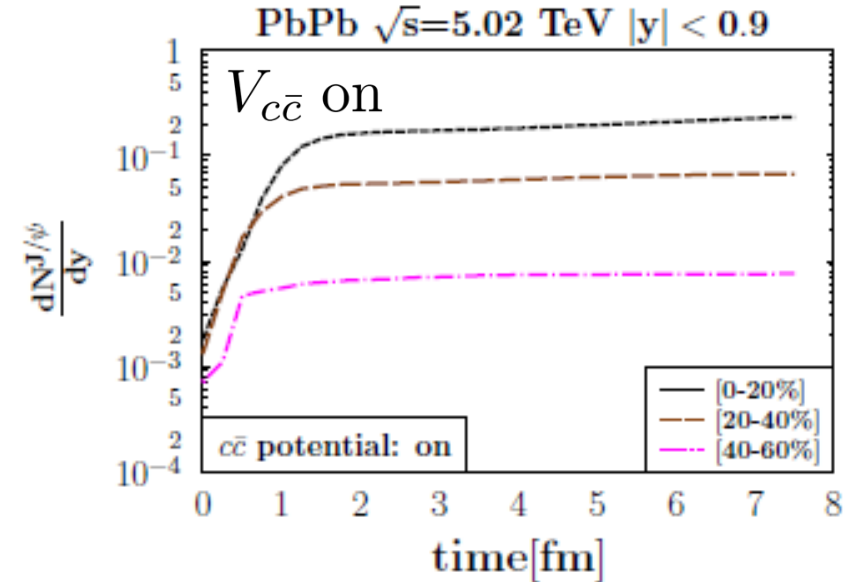
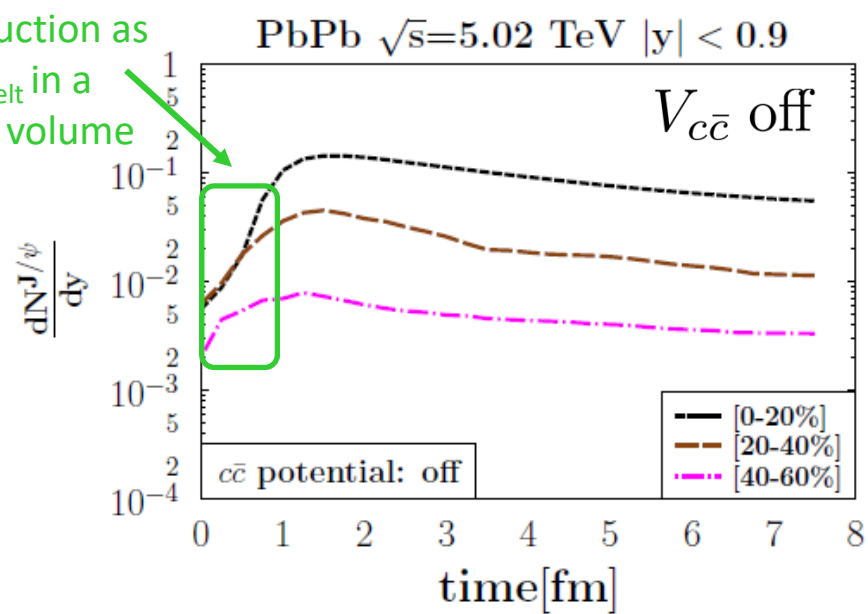
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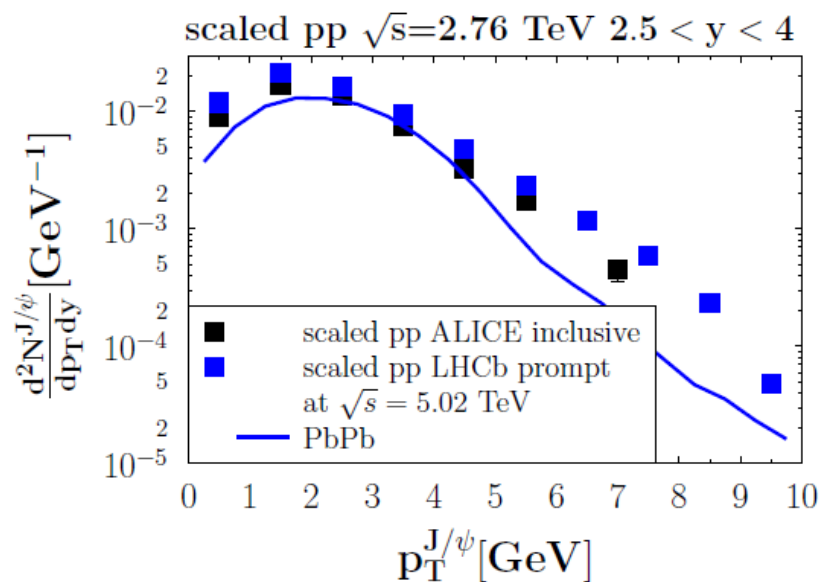
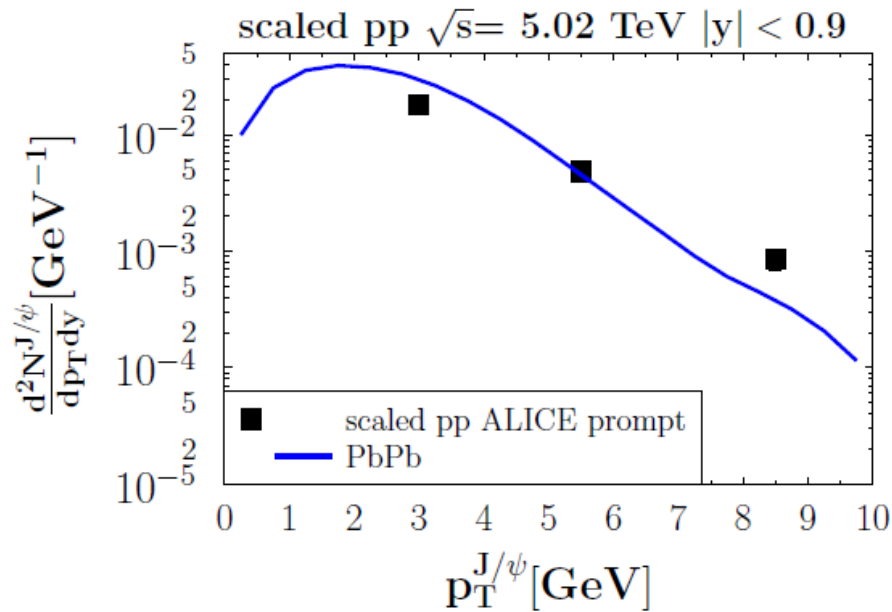
Results : J/ ψ production vs time

Delayed initial production as $T > T_{\text{melt}}$ in a large volume



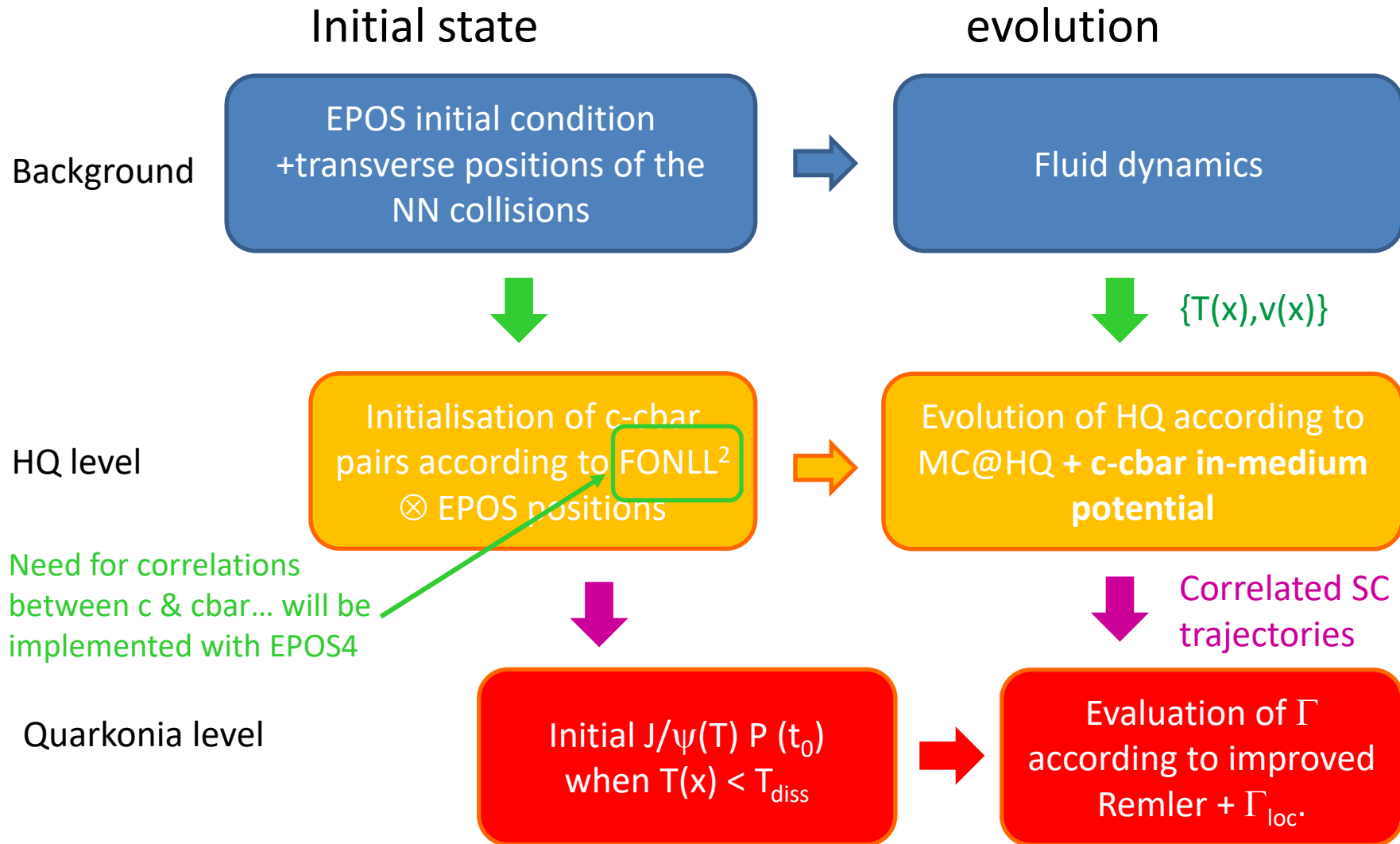
- Without interaction potential between c and $c\bar{c}$, the collisions with the medium manage to destroy the native J/ψ (left)
- With the interaction potential between c and $c\bar{c}$ « on », one observes a steady rate of J/ψ creation (increase of Γ^{col} , increase of Γ^{local})... No adiabaticity, but **no instantaneous formation** either.

Results : J/ψ production vs p_T



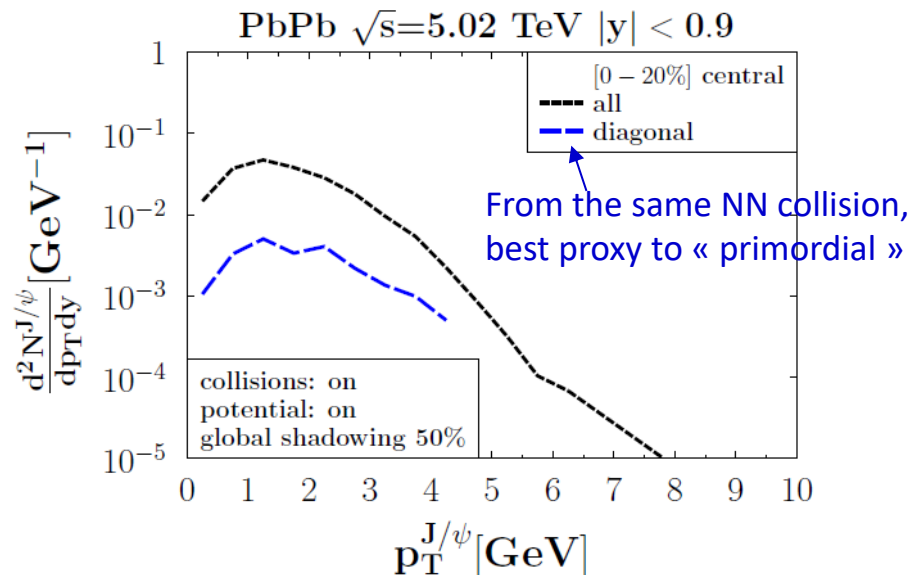
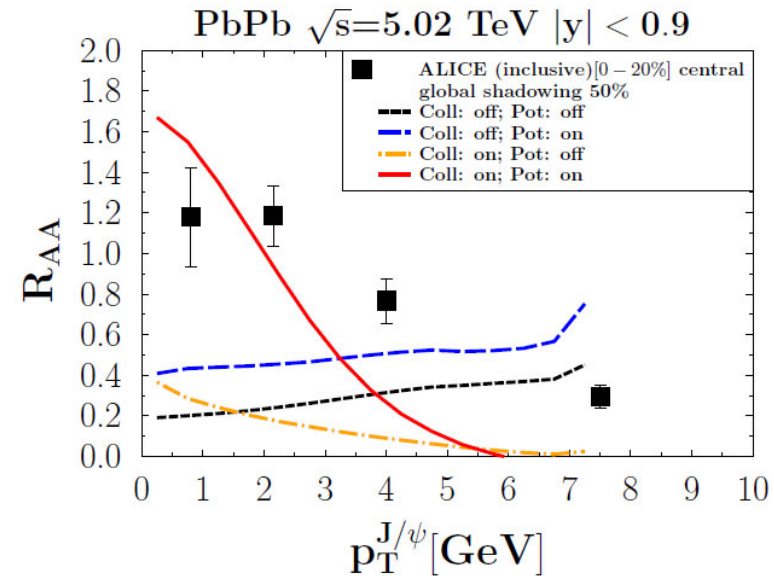
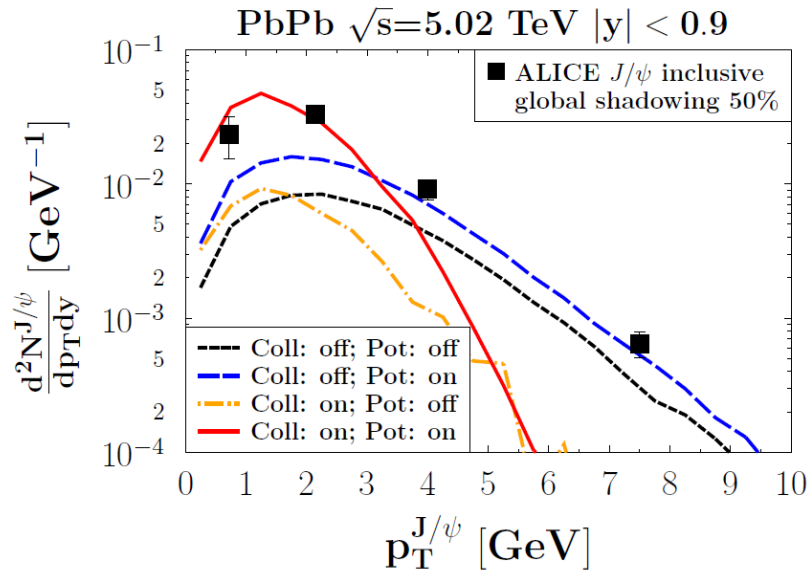
- **Equivalent pp production** (the denominator of the R_{AA}) : c-cbar according to FONLL² without any correlation, then coalescence with the Wigner distribution.
- No feed-down from higher states (to be implemented)
- Acceptable for $p_T < 5$ GeV/c, but deviations for higher p_T .
- To investigate : more appropriate scheme for c-cbar production, including c-cbar correlation.

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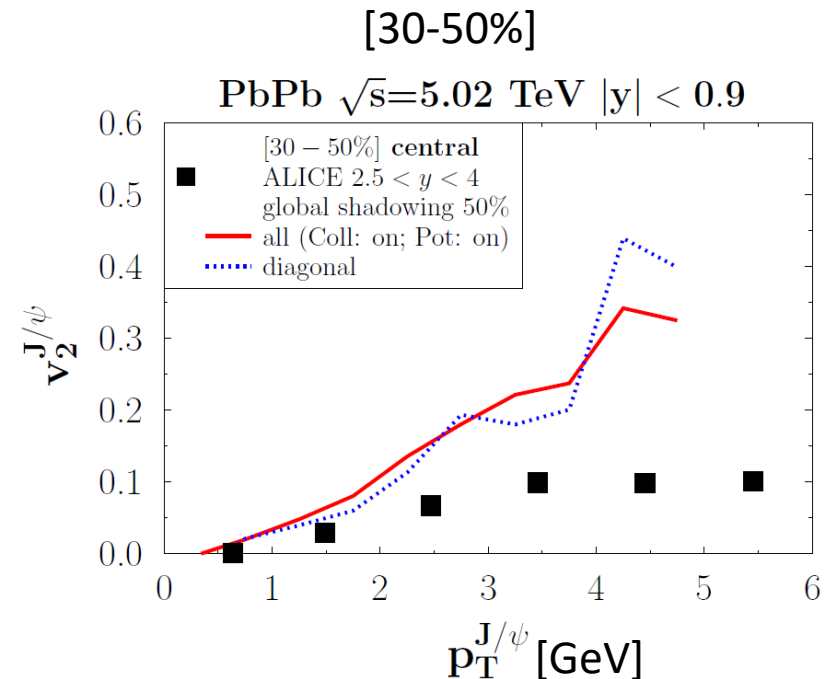
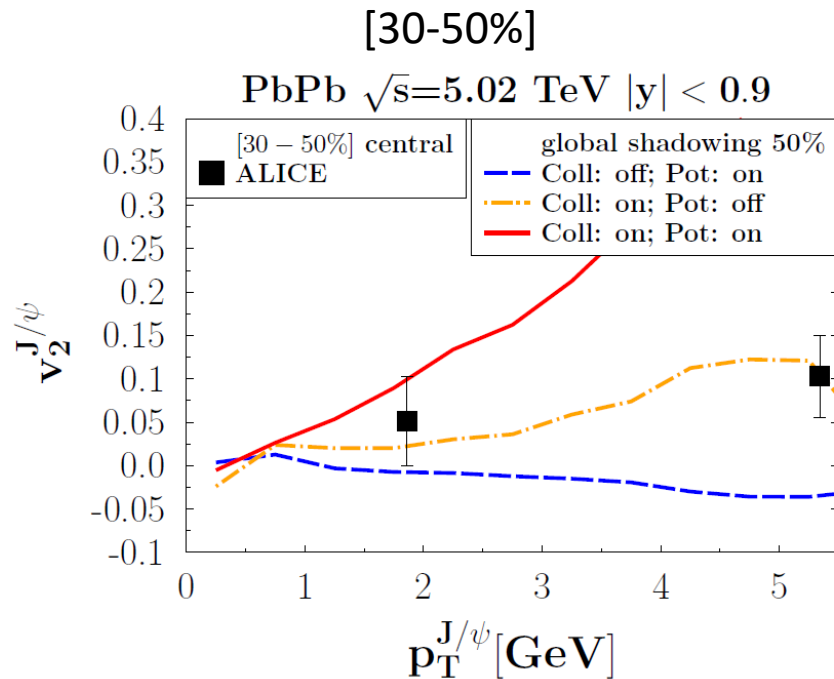
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- Dynamical recombination is quite effective at low p_T
- At higher p_T , we are missing J/ψ as compared to the experimental value.
- Several possible reasons, under investigation:
 - in terms of transport model : « primordial too much suppressed »
 - lack of c - \bar{c} correlation in the IS
 - Higher states...

Results : J/ψ v_2



- v_2 excess as compared to experimental data (**late formation** of the J/ψ due to binding potential under restoration)
- The « diagonal » contribution shows no difference wrt the full production, what is a bit counter-intuitive

The two sides of color transparency

Q-Qbar propagation in QGP.

$$\sigma \propto \left(\begin{array}{c} r_{\text{rel}} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right)^2$$

If $r_{\text{rel}} \ll l_{\text{correl}}$: **white object** => no
Energy loss

If $r_{\text{rel}} \geq l_{\text{correl}}$: 2 HQ interact
individually with QGP.

$$l_{\text{correl}} \sim \frac{1}{m_D} \text{ (soft modes)}$$

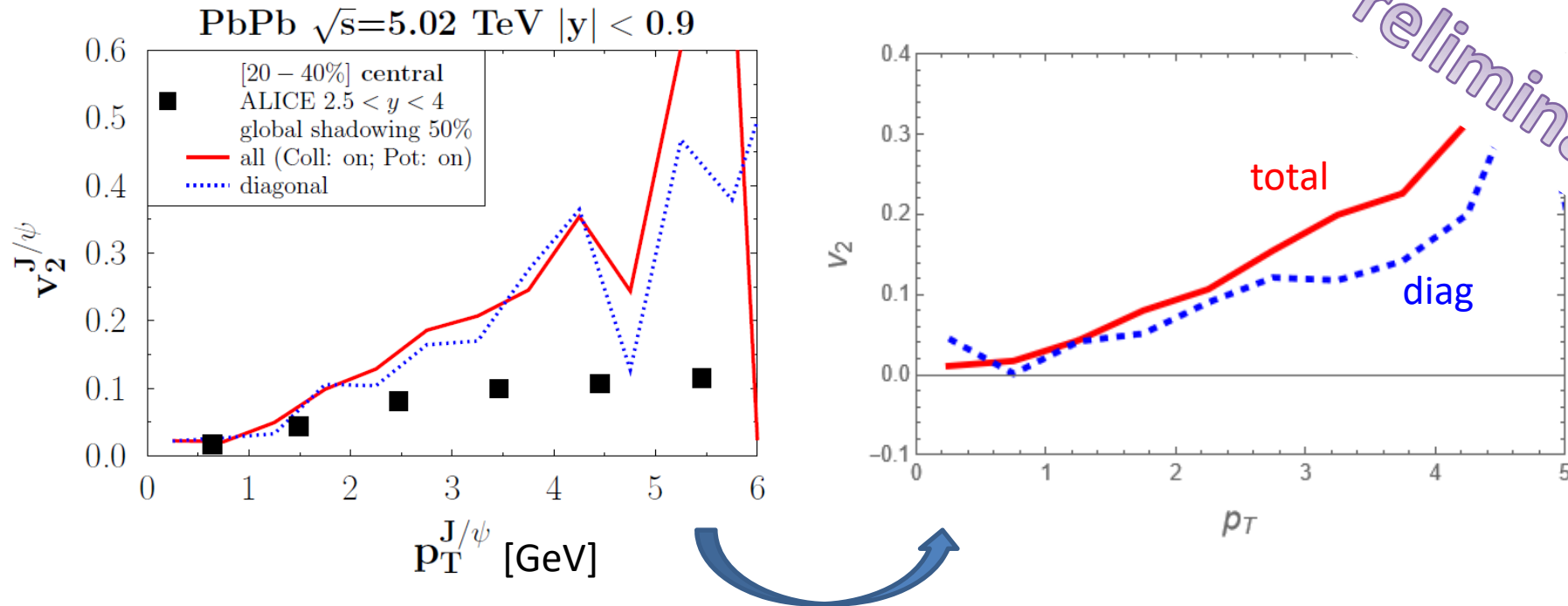
Small T : $r_{\text{rel}} \approx \frac{1}{\alpha_s m_c}$

Large T : $r_{\text{rel}} \gtrsim \frac{1}{m_D} \approx \frac{1}{gT}$



- Most of the transport models have considered up to now that primordial charmonia can just be destroyed (with a small probability), but not deflected.
- In our approach, we have investigated the consequences of considering the opposite limit... with too large v_2 resulting from this prescription...

Results : J/ ψ v_2



Dipole-like penalty factor for HQ-QGP scatterings

- v_2 of the diagonal component seems to be reduced wrt the v_2 of the total production
- To be further explored

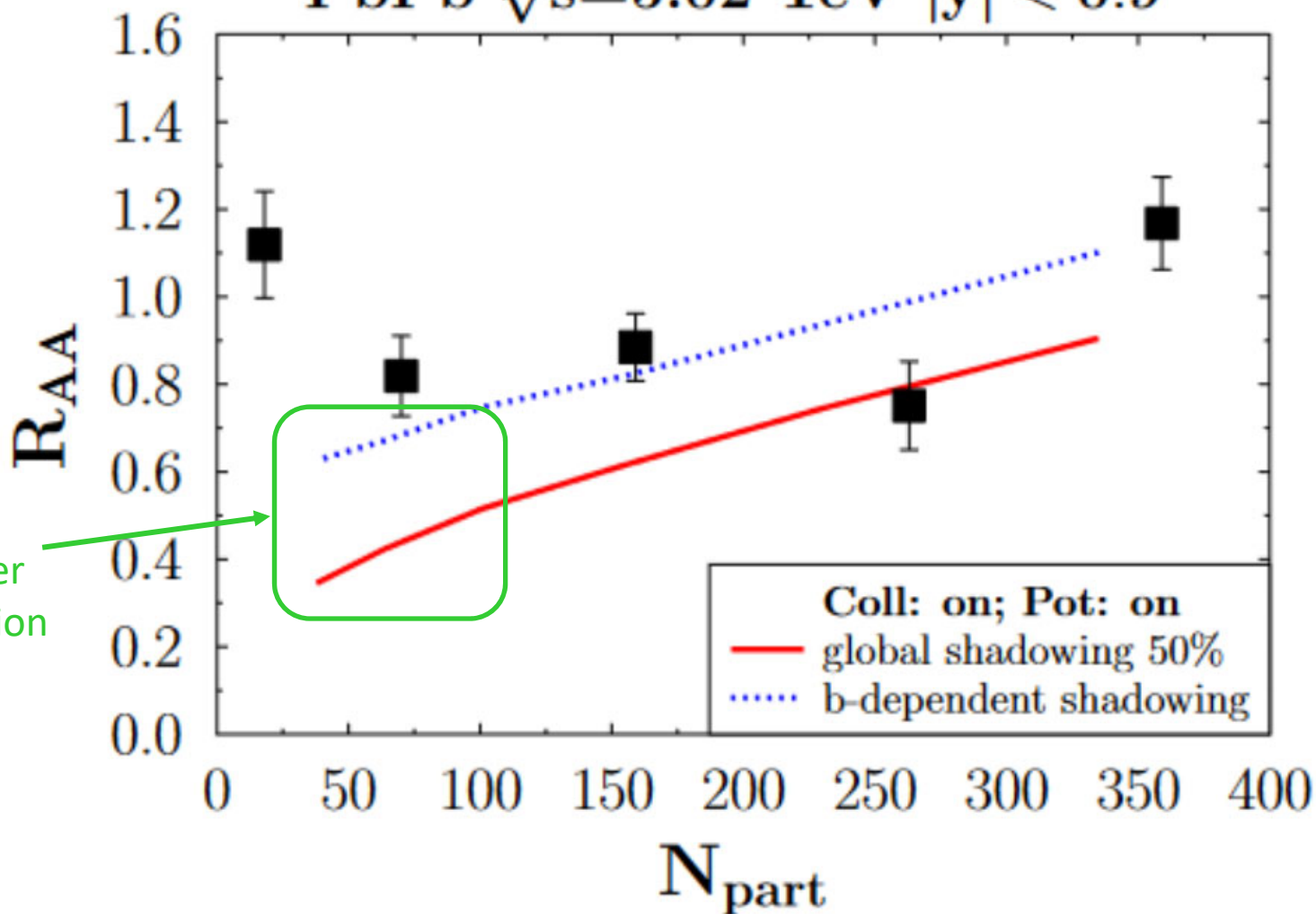
Conclusions and Perspectives

- First move towards a microscopic approach based on individual c and \bar{c} dynamics implementing some of the open quantum systems features for charmonia production in realistic HI conditions :
dynamical coalescence
- Encouraging results, but still many features to be refined
- Rooms for improvement :
 - Include excited states decay
 - Including color transparency and more generally color dynamics
 - More reliable treatment of the fully relativistic evolution of a N-body coupled system (under construction)
 - More realistic « initial state » for the c - \bar{c} pairs, including correlations at intermediate p_T .
 - Late interactions with hadronic phase
 - ... (suggestions welcome)

Back up

R_{AA} vs N_{part}

PbPb $\sqrt{s}=5.02$ TeV $|y| < 0.9$

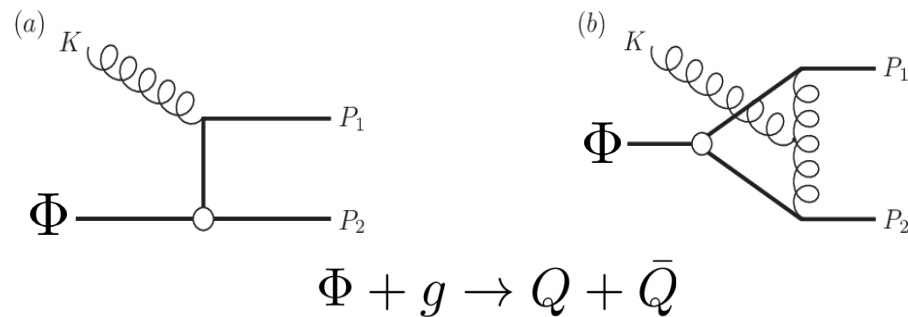


Corona part missing, under implementation in EPOSHQ

A central quantity: the decay rate Γ

Several approaches

pQCD view (Bhanot & Peskin), later on consolidated by NRQCD (Brambilla & Vairo)



Dissociation cross section σ

$$\Gamma_{\Phi}(T) = \langle \sigma n_g \rangle_T$$

Other mechanisms : $x + \Phi \rightarrow x + Q + \bar{Q}$

QFT/Lattice QCD

Time correlator

$$\mathcal{C}_{>}(t, \vec{r}) \approx \langle \psi(t, \frac{\vec{r}}{2}) \bar{\psi}(t, -\frac{\vec{r}}{2}) \psi(0, 0) \bar{\psi}(0, 0) \rangle$$

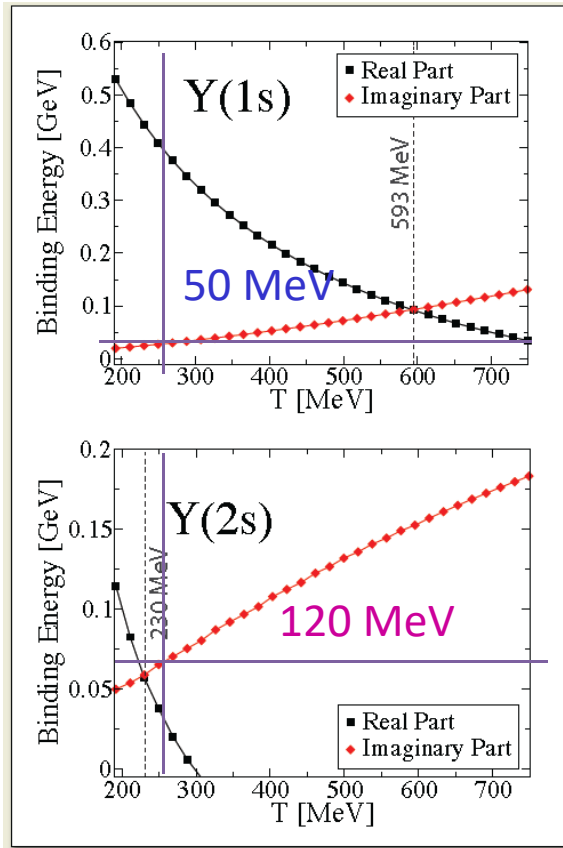
Satisfies Schroedinger equation with imaginary potential iW . Breakthrough by Laine et al. (2006)

$$\Gamma_{\Phi}(T) = -2 \langle \Phi | W | \Phi \rangle$$

$$\text{Prob survival} = \exp \left(- \int_{t_0}^{t_{\text{fin}}} \Gamma(T(t)) dt \right)$$

Suppression of the bottomonium « candle »

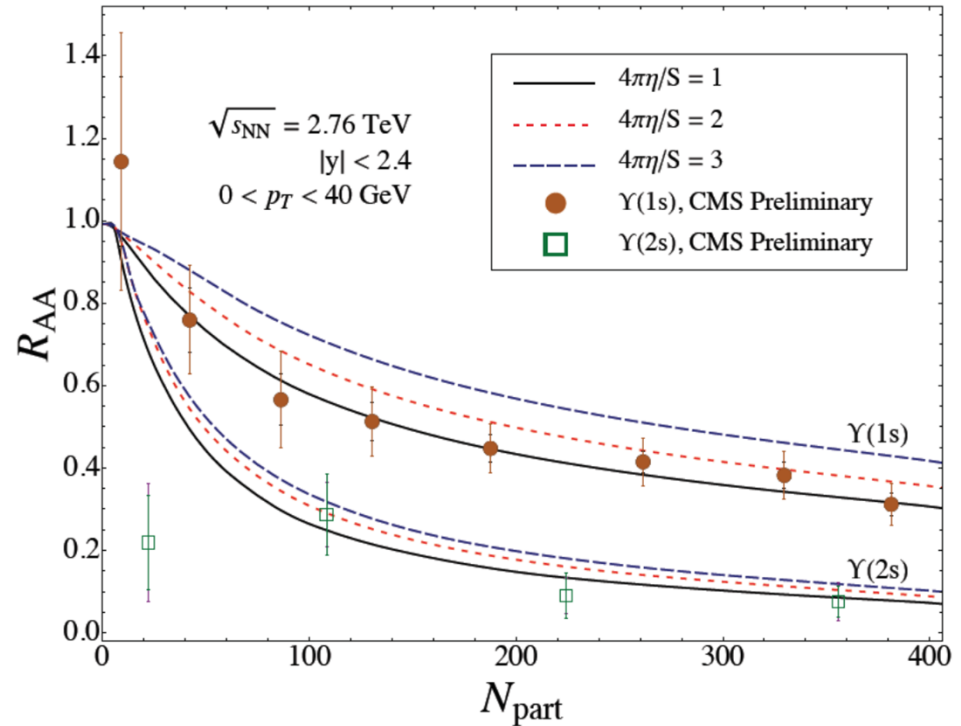
Strickland et al.



Resulting decay rate $\Gamma_T \equiv -2 \text{Im}[E_{\text{bind}}]$

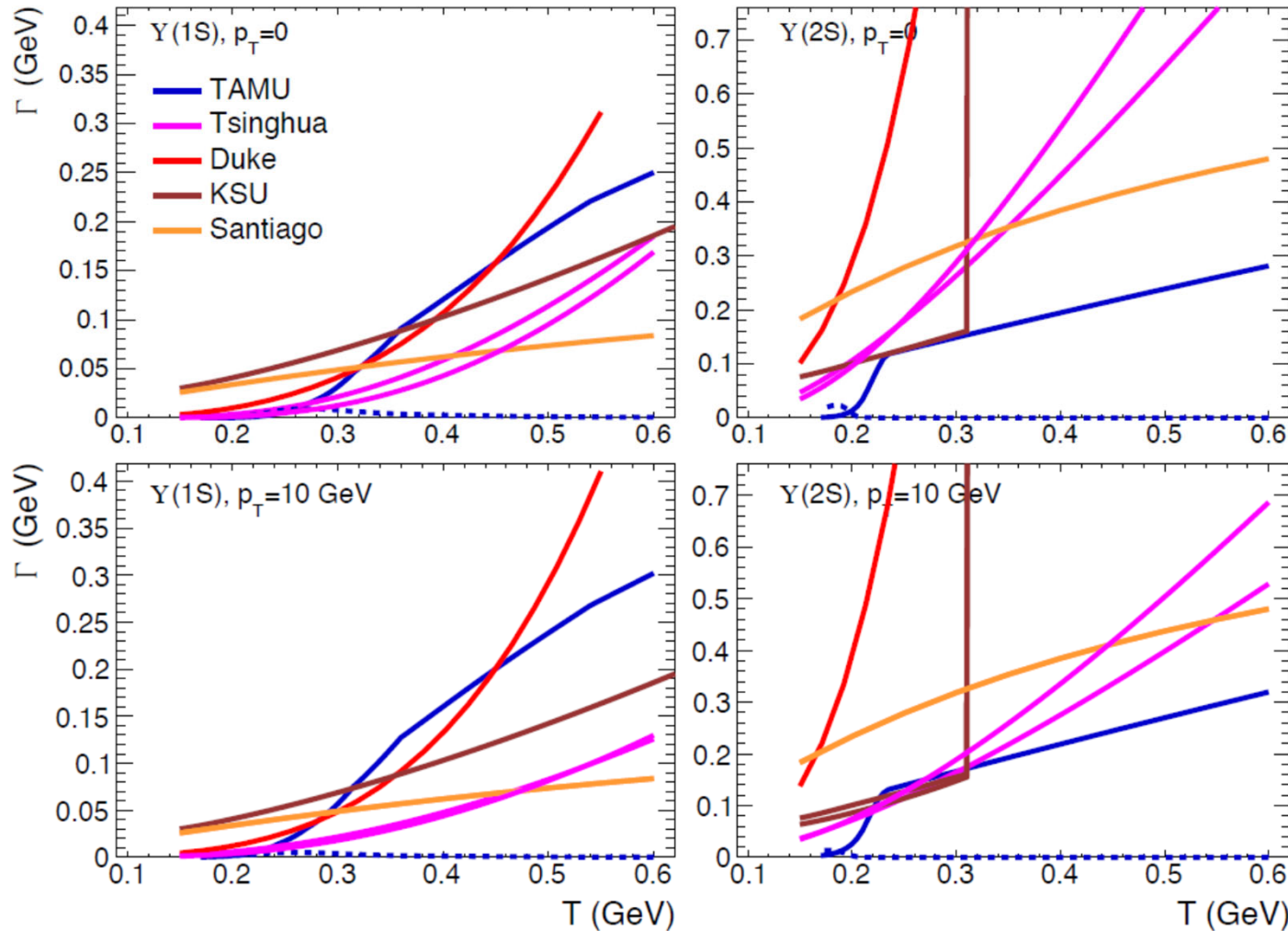
- $b\bar{b} \Rightarrow$
- Less shadowing
 - Less final state effect

B. Krouppa, R. Ryblewski, and M. Strickland, Phys. Rev. C 92, 061901(R) (2015).



... as well as QGP viscosity

Diversity in the dissociation rates



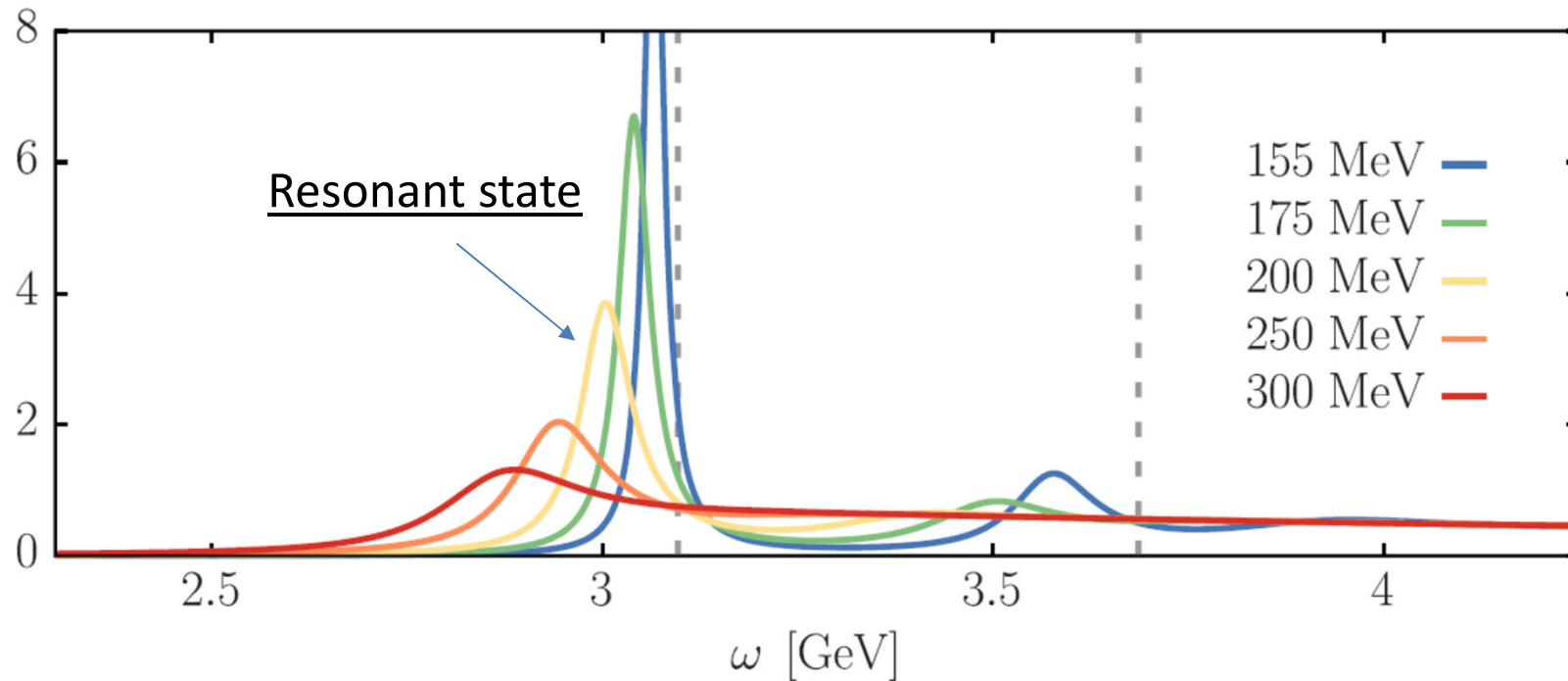
EMMI RRTF on QUARKONIA (Dec 2019)

See <https://indico.gsi.de/event/9314/overview> and manuscript in preparation

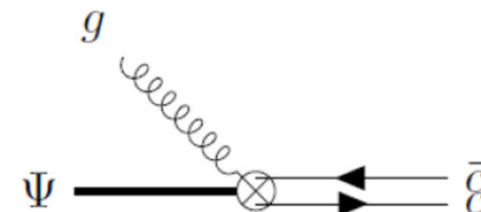
Extra Motivations

Spectral density

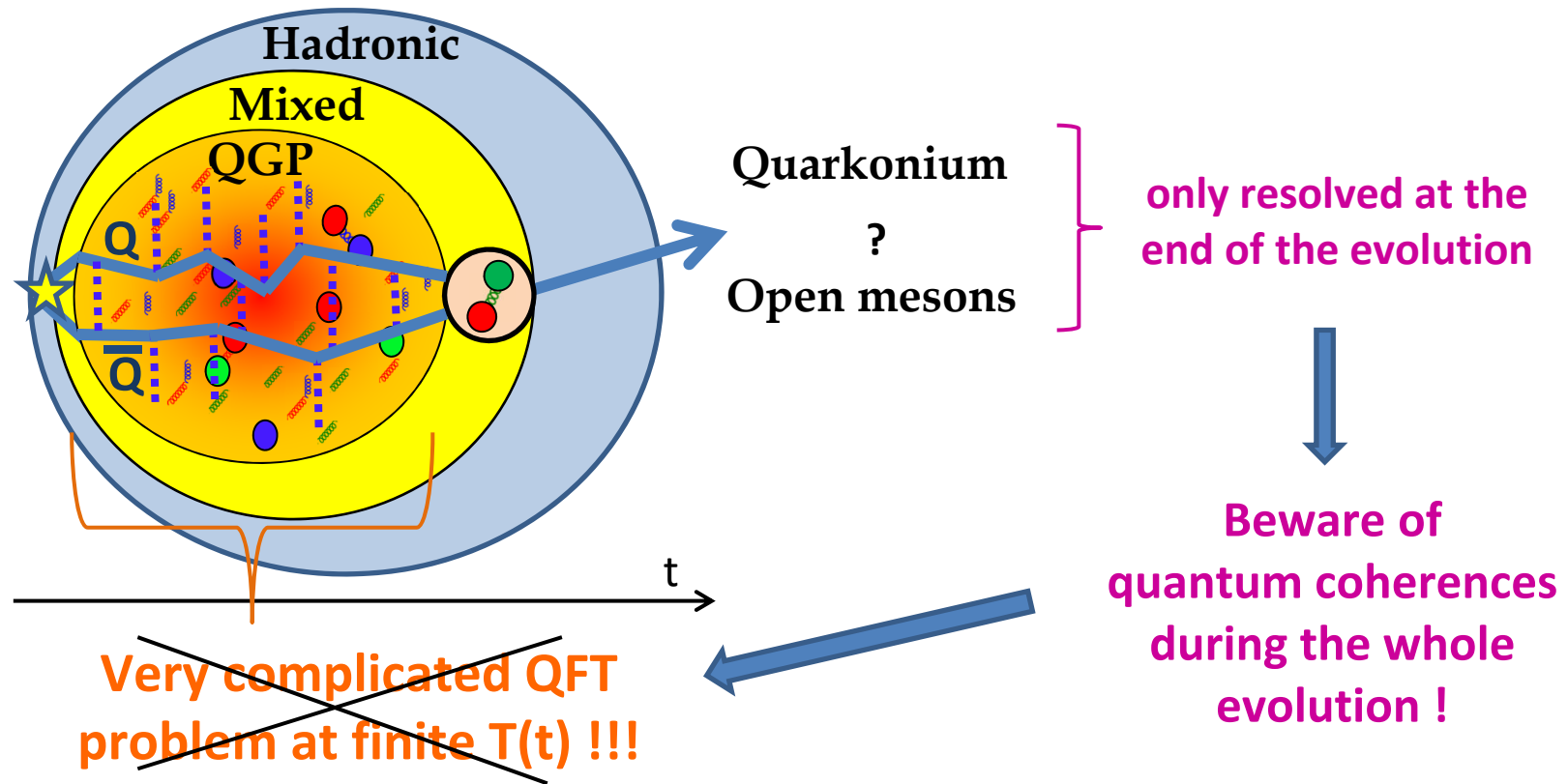
David Lafferty, Alexander Rothkopf, Phys. Rev. D 101, 056010 (2020)



How justified is it to deal with the quantum evolution of such state with cross sections, meant to describe the reactions of asymptotic states ?



Quantum coherence



How to proceed ?

J/ψ are *quantum* bound states => need for a formalism that preserves *quantum* properties... and continuous transitions between bound and unbound states

τ_E : environment correlation time

$$\tau_E \sim \frac{1}{T}$$

During system relaxation, environment correlation has lost memory => Markovian process

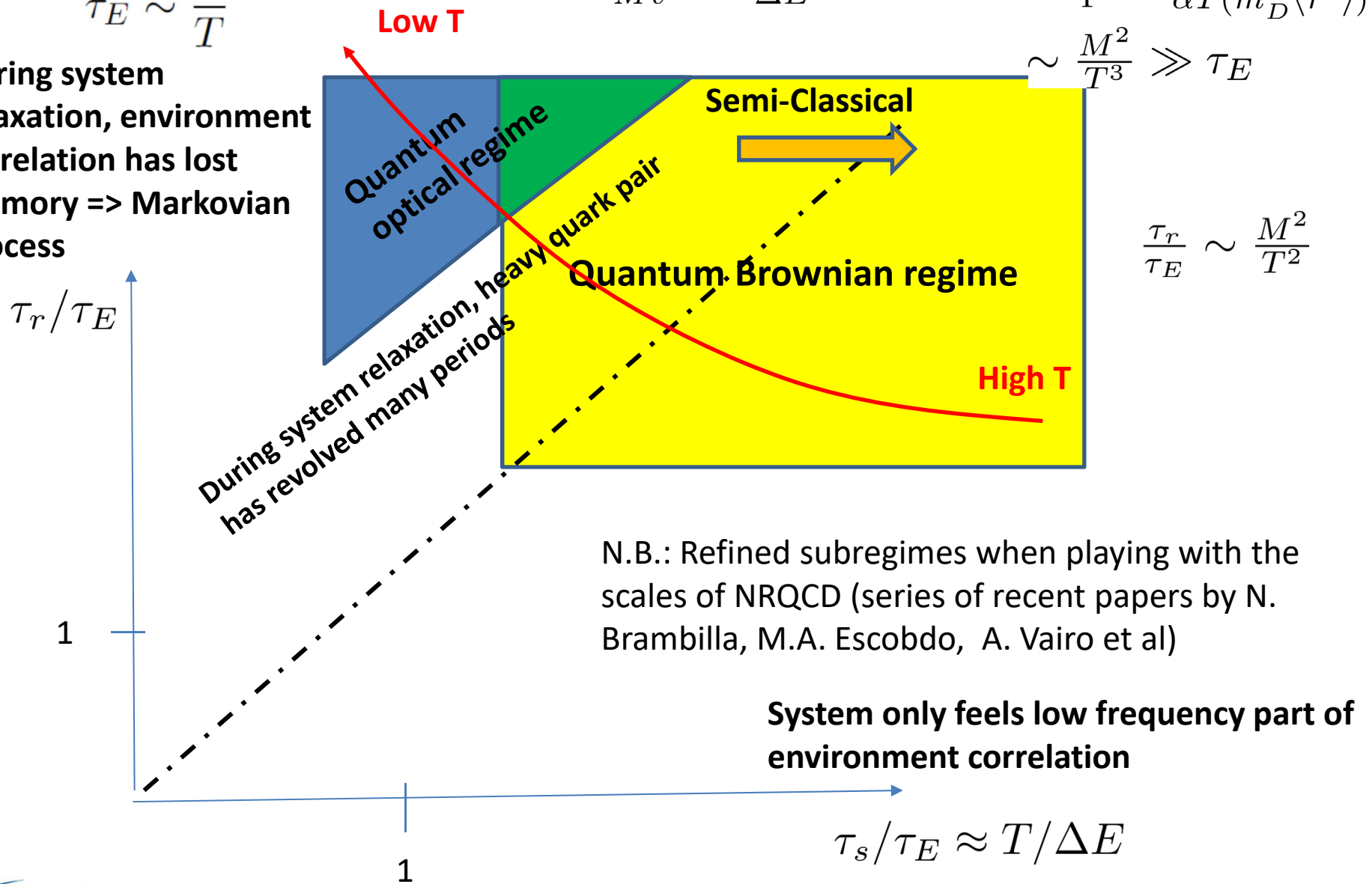
τ_S : system intrinsic time scale

$$\tau_S \approx \frac{1}{Mv^2} \approx \frac{1}{\Delta E}$$

τ_R : system relax time

$$\tau_r \sim \frac{1}{\Gamma} \approx \frac{1}{\alpha T (m_D^2 \langle r^2 \rangle)}$$

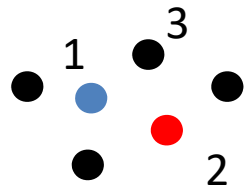
$$\sim \frac{M^2}{T^3} \gg \tau_E$$



Remler formalism at work

Combining the rate definition + VN equation: $\Gamma^\Psi(t) = -iTr[\rho^\Psi[H_N, \rho_N(t)]]$

Generic case where $H_N = \sum_i K_i + \sum_{i>j} V_{ij}$



1 & 2: c & \bar{c}
3, 4, : light quarks

Strictly speaking, not QCD. Important process partly missing : gluo-dissociation



$$H_N = H_{1,2} + H_{N-2} + U_1 + U_2$$

$c\bar{c}$ Internal Hamiltonian

Light quarks

$$\sum_{i>2} V_{i1} \quad \sum_{i>2} V_{i2}$$

Heavy – light interaction

$$\Gamma^\Psi(t) = -iTr[\rho^\Psi[H_N, \rho_N(t)]] = -iTr[\rho_N(t)[\rho^\Psi, H_N]]$$



Only U_1 and $U_2 \Rightarrow \neq 0$ (as $[\rho^\Psi, H_{1,2}] = 0$)

$$\Gamma^\Psi(t) = -iTr[\hat{\rho}^\Psi[\hat{U}_1 + \hat{U}_2, \hat{\rho}_N(t)]]$$

Sub-part of the VN equation, still impossible to deal with exactly at the quantum n-body level

Remler formalism at work

Passing to the Wigner representation:

$$W_N(\{r\}, \{p\}) = \int \Pi d^3 y e^{ipy} \langle r - \frac{y}{2} | \hat{\rho}_N | r + \frac{y}{2} \rangle$$

Direct space

$$\frac{\partial \rho_N(t)}{\partial t} = -i \sum_j [K_j, \rho_N(t)] - i \sum_{j>k} [V_{jk}, \rho_N(t)]$$

Wigner space....

$$\frac{\partial W_N(t)}{\partial t} = \langle \sum_i v_i \cdot \partial_r W_N(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}, t) \rangle + \langle \sum_{i \geq j} \sum_n \delta(t - t_{ij}(n)) \times (W_N(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}, t + \epsilon) - W_N(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}, t - \epsilon)) \rangle$$

One to one correspondance

... treated at the semi-classical level :

Wigner distribution \Leftrightarrow {trajectories in phase space}


➡ $[\hat{U}_1 + \hat{U}_2, \hat{\rho}_N(t)]$ can be modelized from the trajectories evolution in Wigner space

Remler formalism at work


The effective rate for quarkonia state creation (dissociation) in the medium is

$$\Gamma^\Psi(t) = -i \text{Tr} [\hat{\rho}^\Psi [\hat{U}_1 + \hat{U}_2, \hat{\rho}_N(t)]]$$

Working in the phase space through Wigner distribution



$$W_{Q\bar{Q}}^{\Psi_i} = \int d^3y e^{ipy} \langle r - \frac{y}{2} | \Psi^i \rangle \langle \Psi^i | r + \frac{y}{2} \rangle$$



Quarkonia: Double Gaussian approximation

$$W_{Q\bar{Q}}^\Psi(r_{\text{rel}}, p_{\text{rel}}) = C e^{r_{\text{rel}}^2 \sigma^2} \times e^{-\frac{p_{\text{rel}}^2}{\sigma^2}}$$

Parameter: The Gaussian width $\sigma \approx 0.35$ fm

$$[\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla^2 + V(r)] \Psi_{Q\bar{Q}}(r) = E_{Q\bar{Q}} \Psi_{Q\bar{Q}} \rightarrow \langle r^2 \rangle \rightarrow W^\Psi$$

W_N : Semi-classical approach

$$W_N = \prod_i \hbar^3 \delta(x_i - x_{i0}(t)) \delta(p_i - p_{i0}(t))$$

... but no explicit description of W_N required (as it appears in the trace)

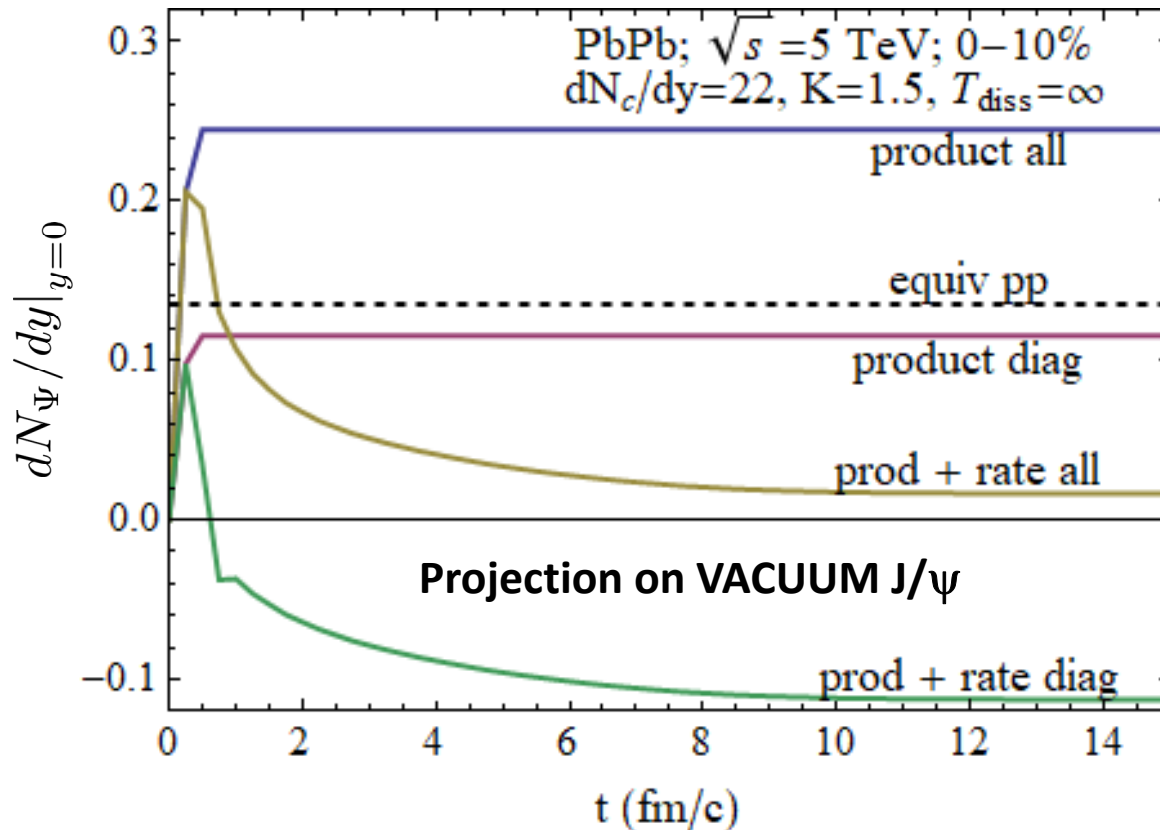
and (less trivial) : generalisation at finite 4-velocity u ; fully relativistic... to warrant orthogonality of states

$$\text{Tr}[W_u^{J/\psi} W_u^{\psi'}] = 0$$

Preliminary results for J/ψ production in Pb-Pb

Word of caution: Exploratory phase => not meant to have an exact comparison with exp. data

$$P^\Psi(t) = P^\Psi(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t \Gamma(t') dt'$$



Cumulated « production » (if no rate equation), indeed overshoots pp due to off-diagonal contributions

The denominator in the R_{AA}

The full production (i.e. the numerator in the R_{AA})

First answer to puzzle found in Song et al: the primordial production is killed rather fast by the « loss » rate.

Remler formalism for the QGP : last ingredient

Combining the rate definition + VN equation: $\Gamma^\Psi(t) = -i\text{Tr}[\rho^\Psi [H_N, \rho_N(t)]]$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \rightarrow & & H_N = & H_{1,2} & + & H_{N-2} & + & U_1 & + & U_2 \\ & & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \swarrow \\ & & c\bar{c} \text{ Internal Hamiltonian} & & \dots & & \dots & & & \dots \end{array}$$

In QGP, 2 body T-dependent effective potential =>

$$\Gamma^\Psi(t) = -i\text{Tr}[\rho^\Psi [H_N, \rho_N(t)]] = -i\text{Tr}[\rho_N(t) [\rho^\Psi, H_N]]$$

$$\downarrow [\rho^\Psi, H_{1,2}(T)] = 0$$

$$= -i\text{Tr}[\hat{\rho}^\Psi(T) [\hat{U}_1 + \hat{U}_2, \hat{\rho}_N(t)]]$$

One only preserves the structure of the Remler « collisional rate » if one works in the « local » basis $\rho^\Psi(T)$!!!

Accessible for $T > T_{\text{dissoc}}^\Psi (=0.4 \text{ GeV for } J/\psi)$

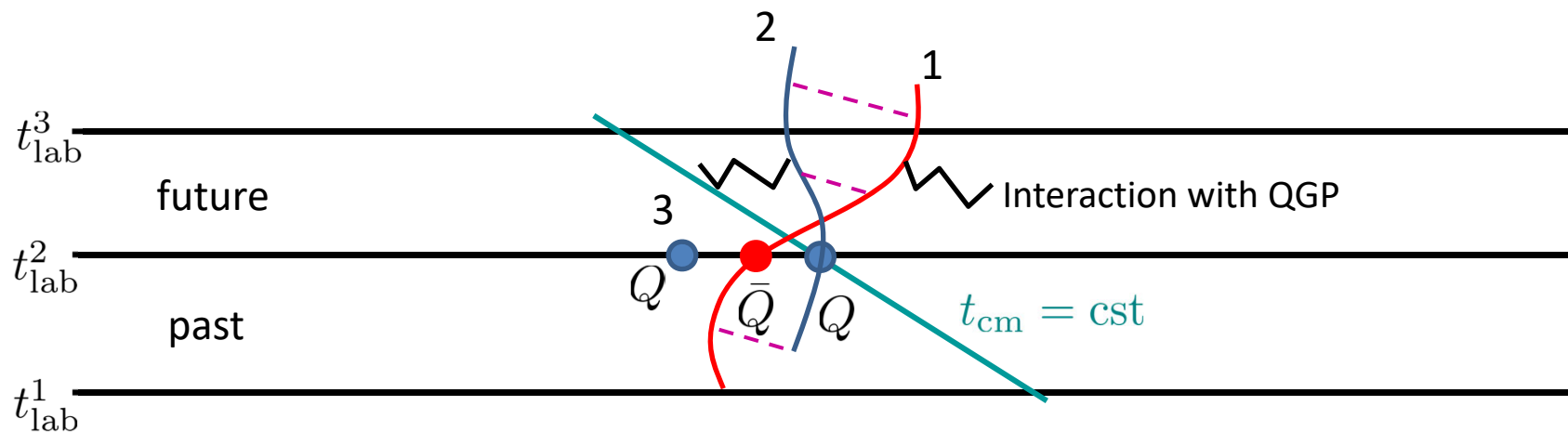
Back to the rate : $\Gamma^\Psi(t) = \frac{dP^\Psi(t)}{dt} = \text{Tr} \left[\hat{\rho}_{Q\bar{Q}}^\Psi \frac{d\hat{\rho}_N(t)}{dt} \right]$

$$\rightarrow \Gamma^\Psi(t) = \text{Tr} \left[\hat{\rho}_{Q\bar{Q}}^\Psi(T(t)) \frac{d\hat{\rho}_N(t)}{dt} \right] + \underbrace{\frac{dT}{dt} \text{Tr} \left[\frac{\partial \hat{\rho}_{Q\bar{Q}}^\Psi(T)}{\partial T} \hat{\rho}_N(t) \right]}_{\text{New contribution to the rate (so-called « local rate »)}}$$

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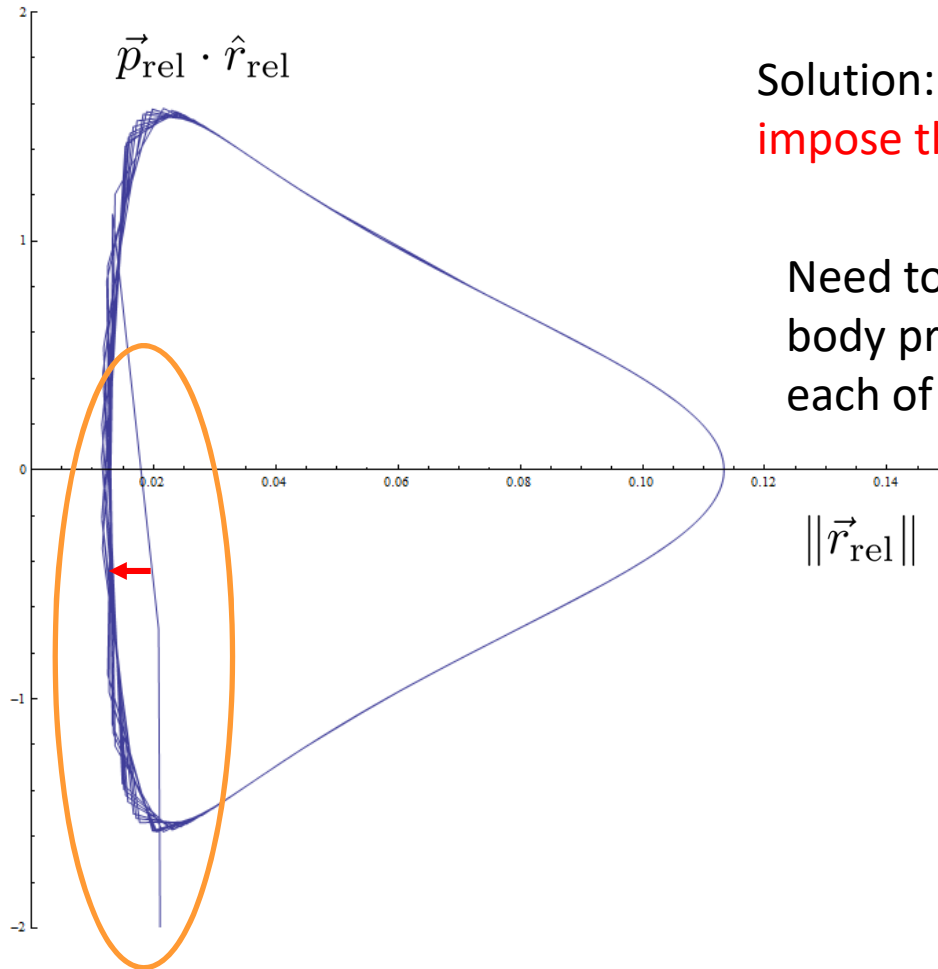
- Main objective : evaluate the propagation towards future of N Q-Qbar **interacting** pairs
- Strategy (adopted presently) : For each time step in the laboratory frame, pass to the cm frame and perform the evolution in the cm frame (where the potential is well defined)



- “Issue” : slicing the global time evolution (usual strategy in MC) is not 100% compatible with passing to c.m. frame as 2 particles are usually not at the same relative time in both frames (residual glitches \Leftrightarrow numerical noise)

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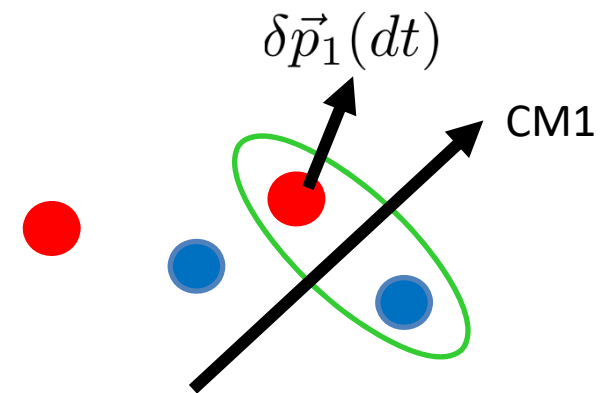
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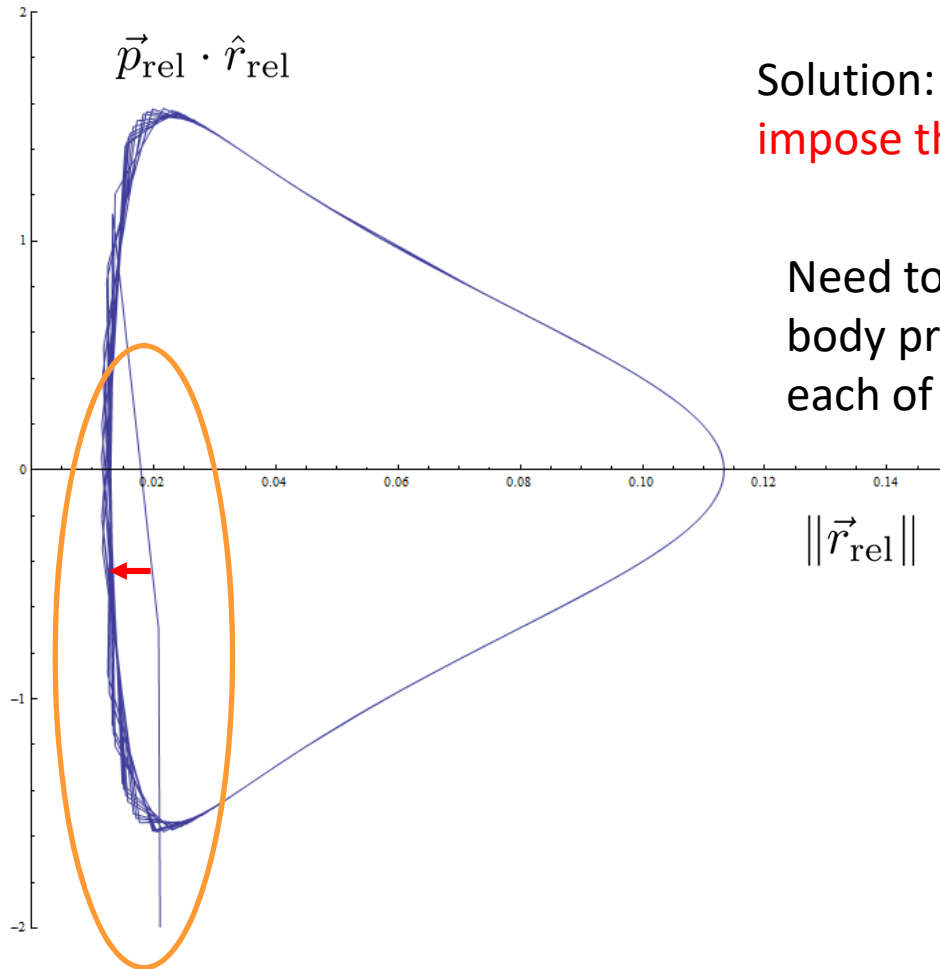


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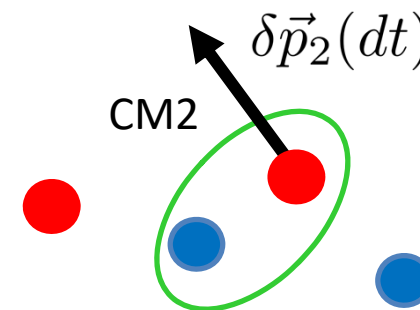
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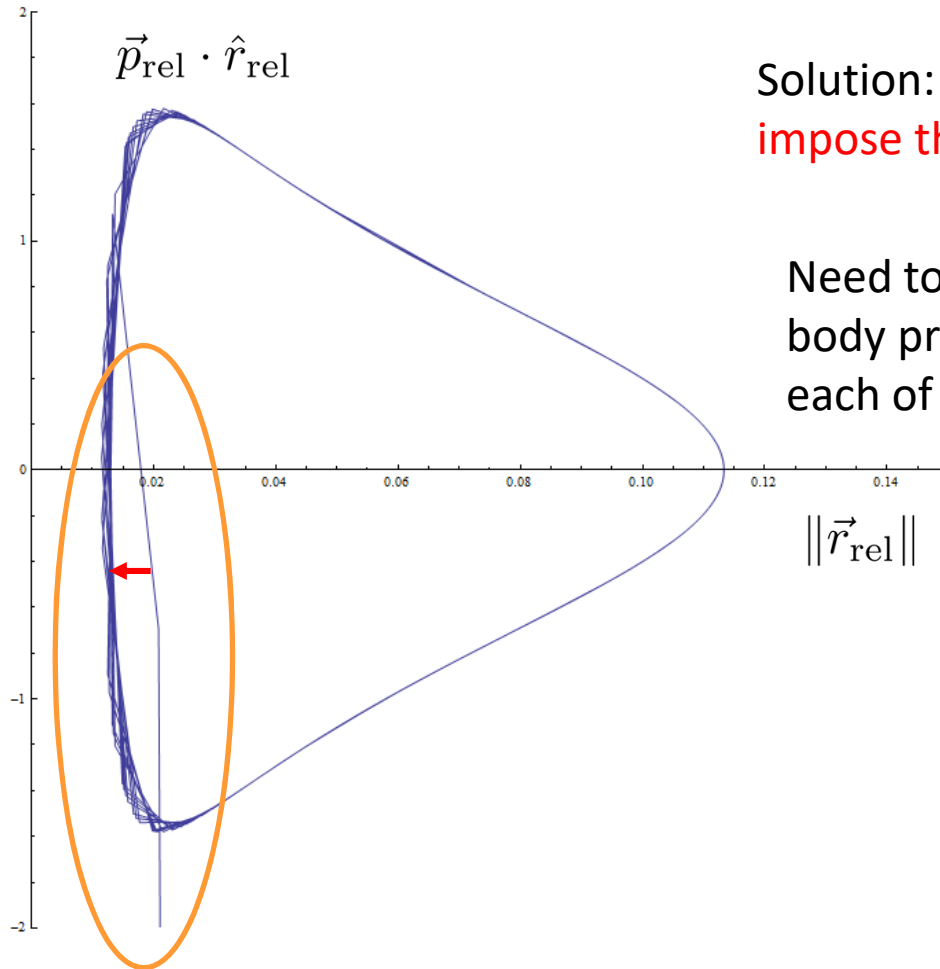


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